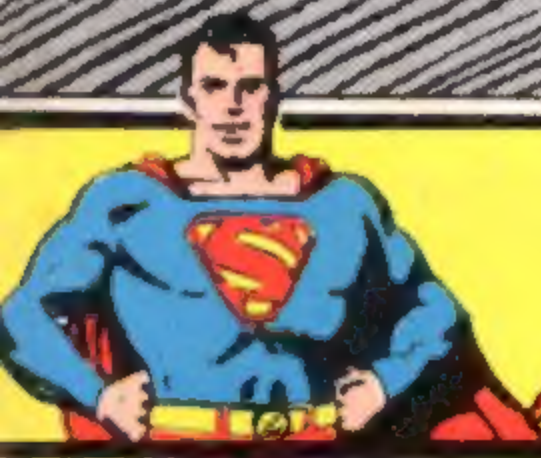




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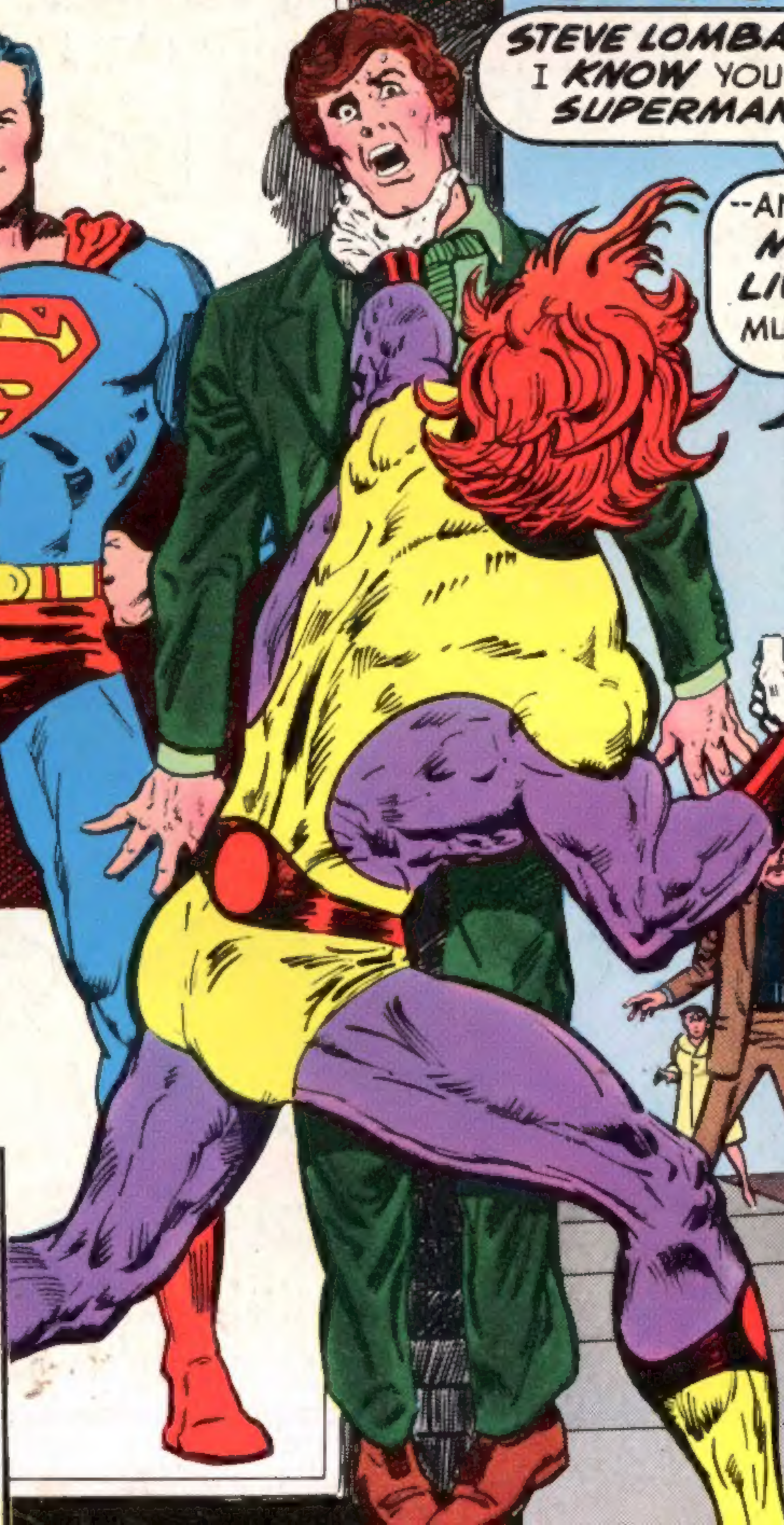
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SUPERMAN'S

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STEVE LOMBARD,
I KNOW YOU'RE
SUPERMAN--

--AND FOR
ME TO
LIVE, YOU
MUST DIE!

HOW CAN I
SAVE STEVE--

--MY SECRET
IDENTITY--

--AND MY
LIFE?

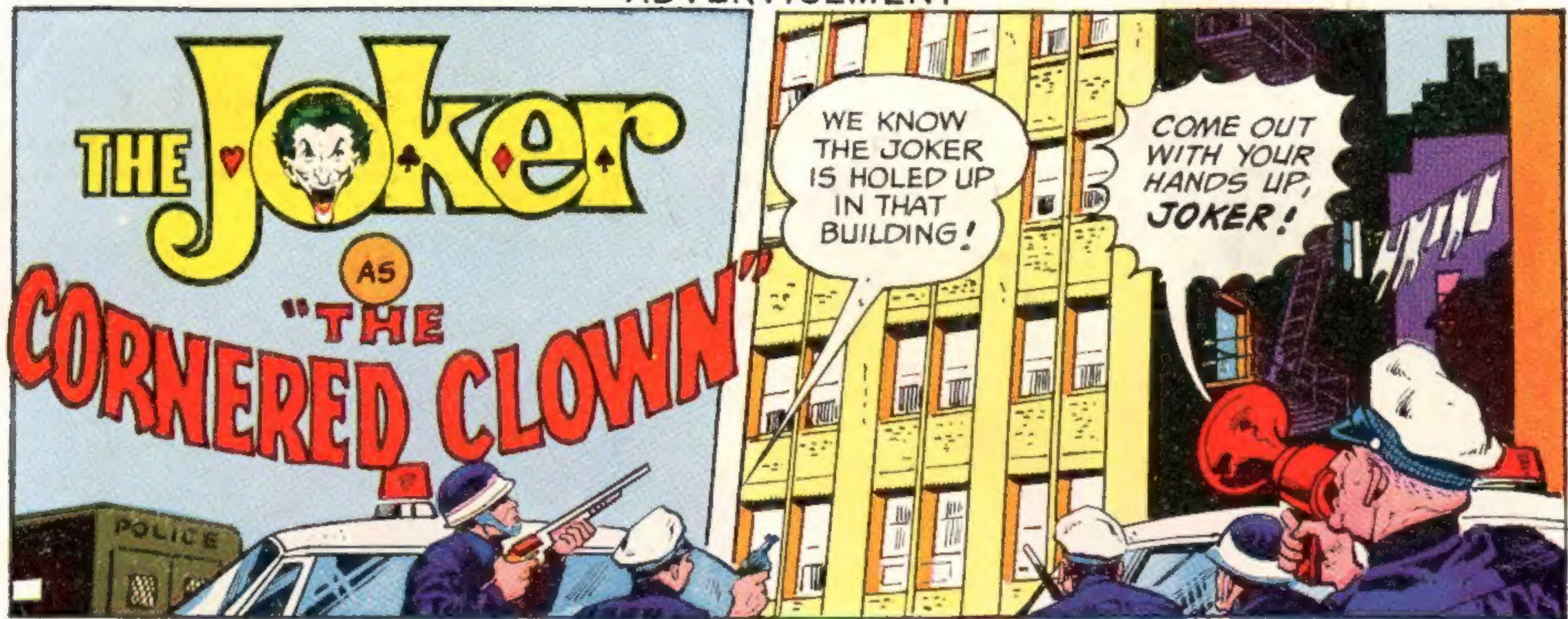


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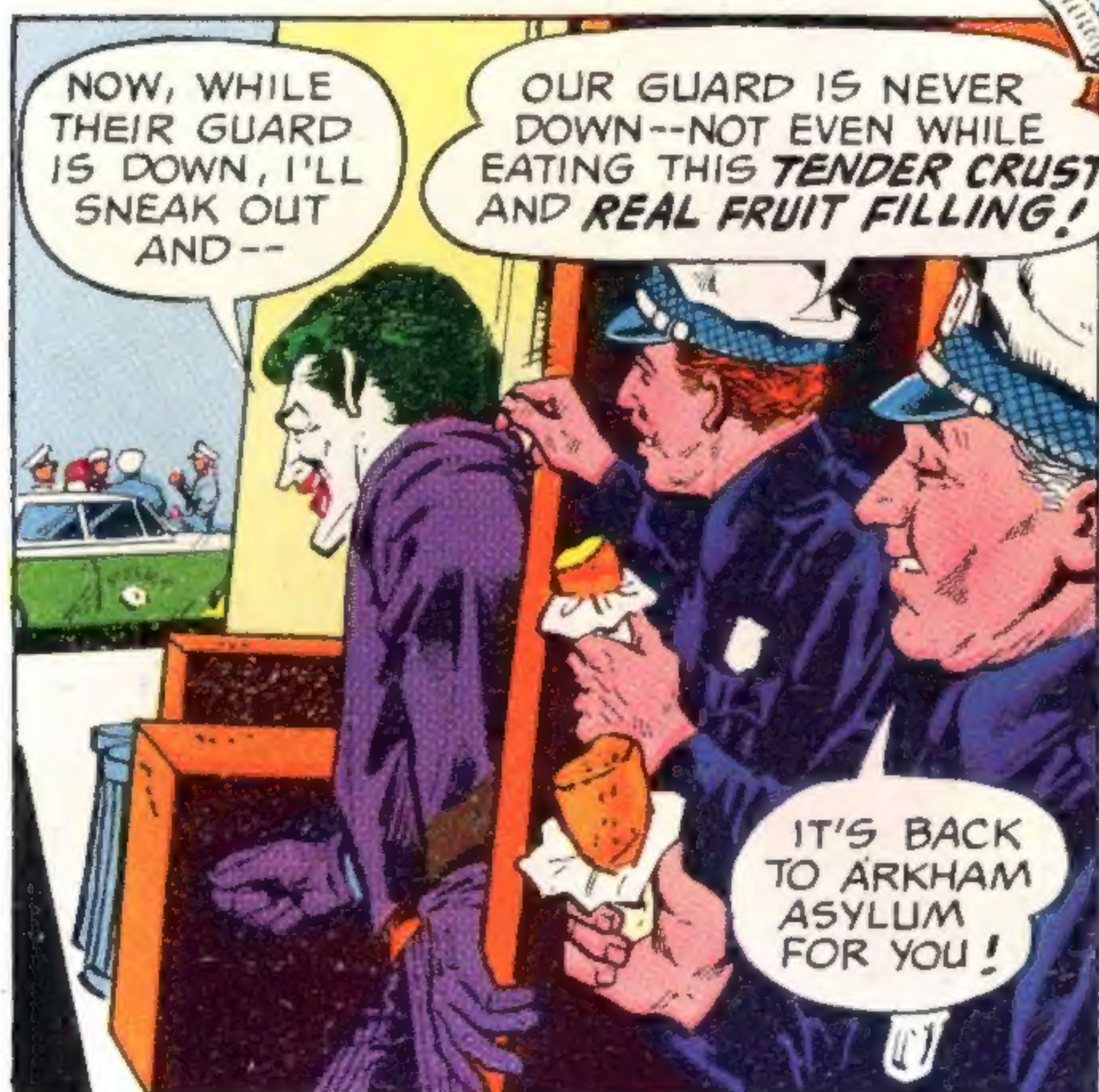
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TO BE DYING!

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WEAK TO TALK...
I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO HELP
HIM!

SUPERMAN,
STAY
AWAY!

SUPERMAN,
YOU'LL BE THE
DEATH OF ME YET!



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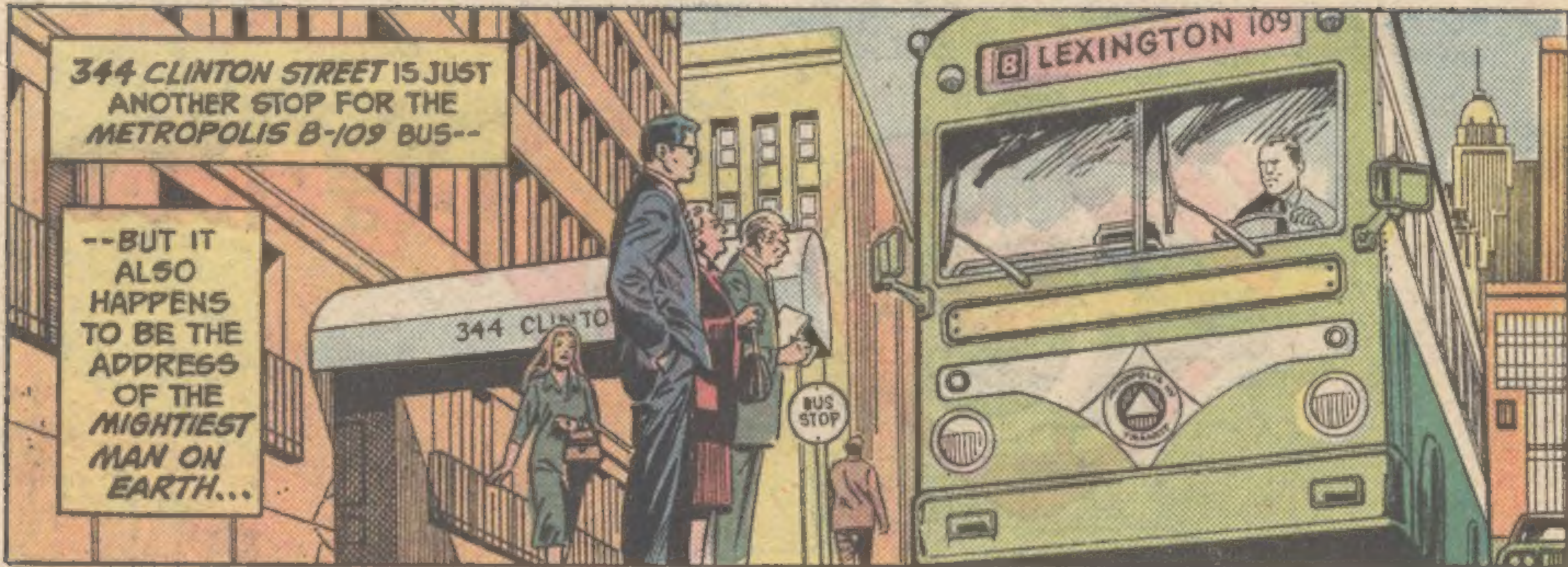
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EVERY STEP YOU TAKE
BRINGS YOU CLOSER
TO KILLING ME!

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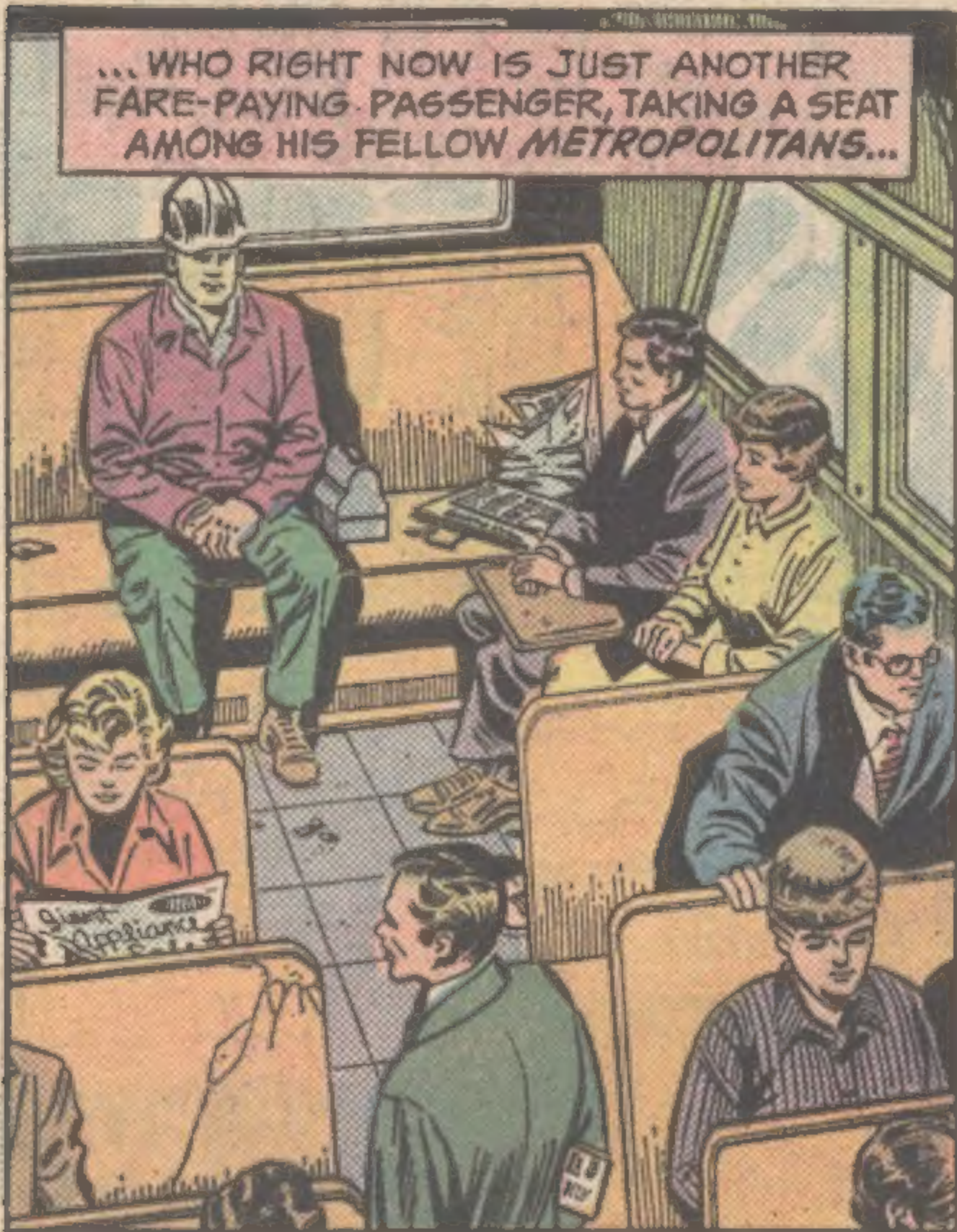
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344 CLINTON STREET IS JUST ANOTHER STOP FOR THE METROPOLIS B-109 BUS--

--BUT IT ALSO HAPPENS TO BE THE ADDRESS OF THE MIGHTIEST MAN ON EARTH...



...WHO RIGHT NOW IS JUST ANOTHER FARE-PAYING PASSENGER, TAKING A SEAT AMONG HIS FELLOW METROPOLITANS...



A FEW STOPS LATER...

NICE OF YOU TO SAVE ME A SEAT, CLARKIE!

THAT VOICE... OH, NO!



STEVE--?! SINCE WHEN DO YOU STOOP TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION?

MY JAG IS IN THE SHOP FOR REPAIRS, SO I'M STUCK DOING THE COMMUTER BIT!

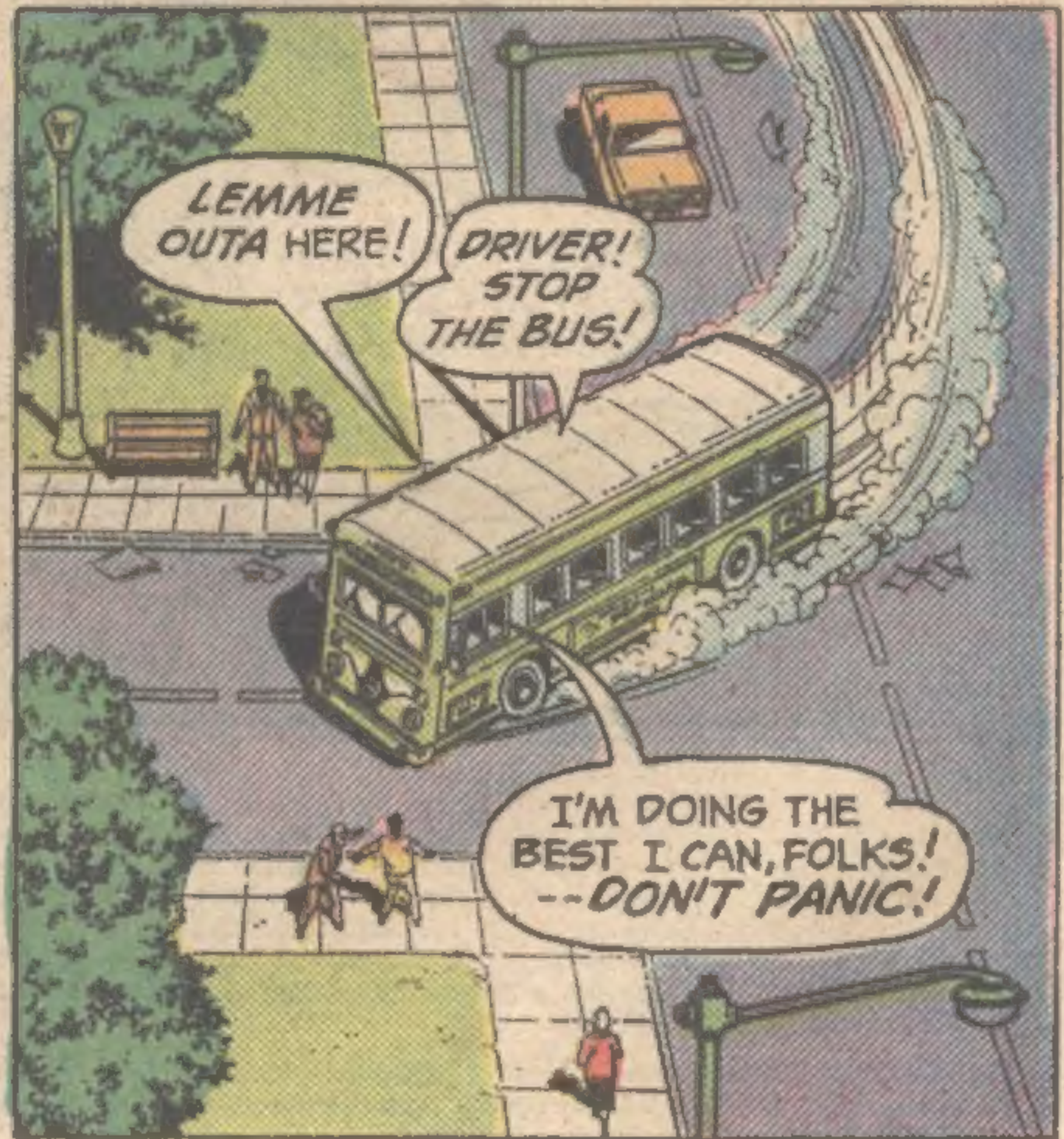
WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED STEVE LOMBARD AND CLARK KENT-- CO-ANCHORMEN OF WGBS NEWS-- RIDING THE SAME BUS?



H-HEY, CLARKIE-- THEY DON'T EXACTLY LOOK LIKE MY ADORING PUBLIC--

I KNOW YOU CRAVE ATTENTION, STEVE, BUT DID YOU HAVE TO BROADCAST SO LOUD?

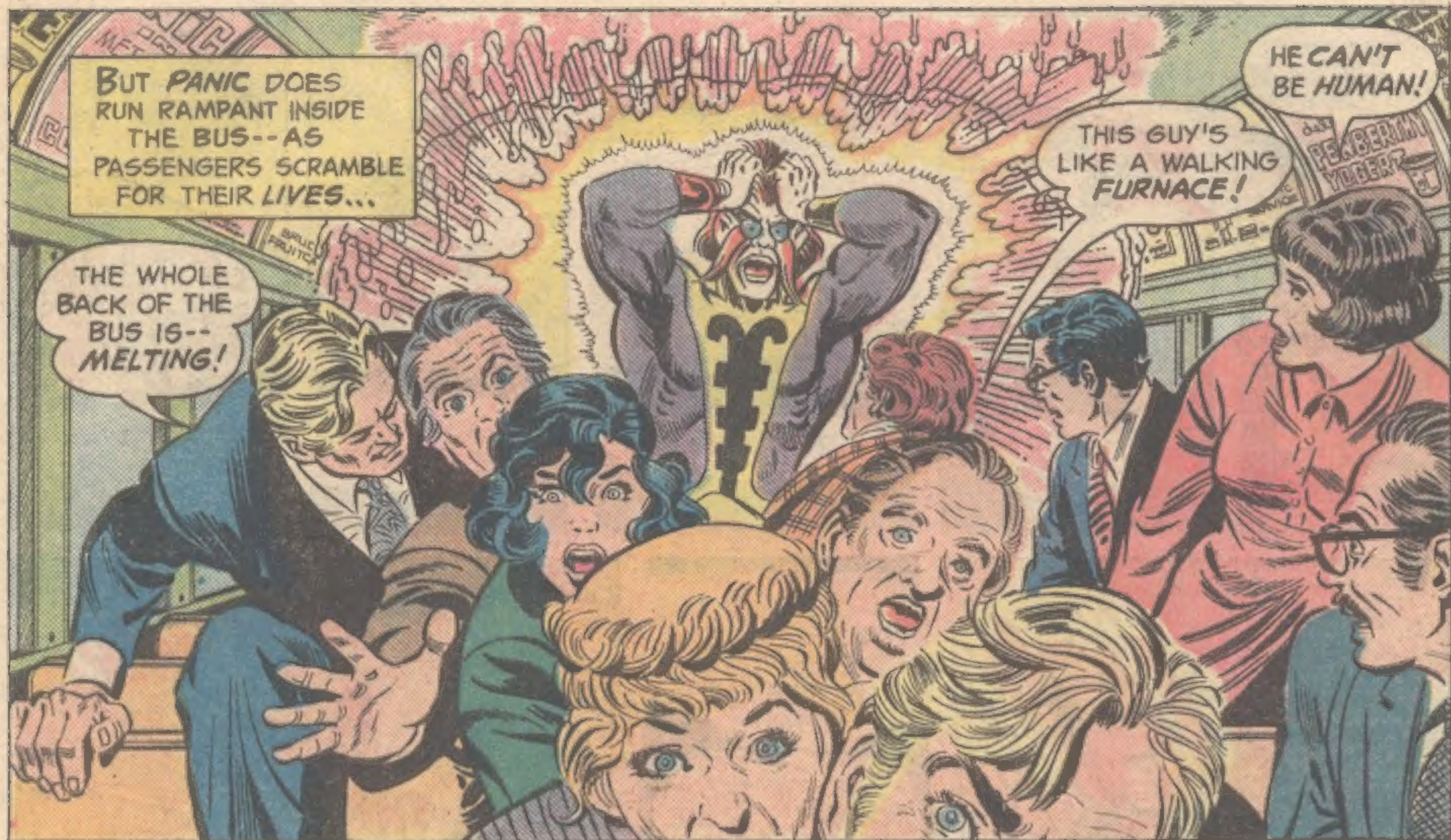
EEEEEEKKK!



LEMME OUTA HERE!

DRIVER! STOP THE BUS!

I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN, FOLKS! --DON'T PANIC!



BUT PANIC DOES RUN RAMPANT INSIDE THE BUS--AS PASSENGERS SCRAMBLE FOR THEIR LIVES...

THE WHOLE BACK OF THE BUS IS-- MELTING!

HE CAN'T BE HUMAN!

THIS GUY'S LIKE A WALKING FURNACE!



AND WHILE SOME PASSENGERS HYSTERICALLY PRESS TOWARD THE FRONT DOOR...

STEVE, MY SEAT'S NEXT TO THE EMERGENCY EXIT--LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

FOR ONCE, CLARK-- I'M WITH YOU!



WHAT THE BLAZES IS GOING ON IN THERE?

BLAZES IS THE RIGHT WORD, PAL! SOME KINDA WEIRDO'S MELTING THE BUS!



I FIGURED THE REMAINING RIDERS WOULD FOLLOW MY LEAD THROUGH THE EMERGENCY EXIT--

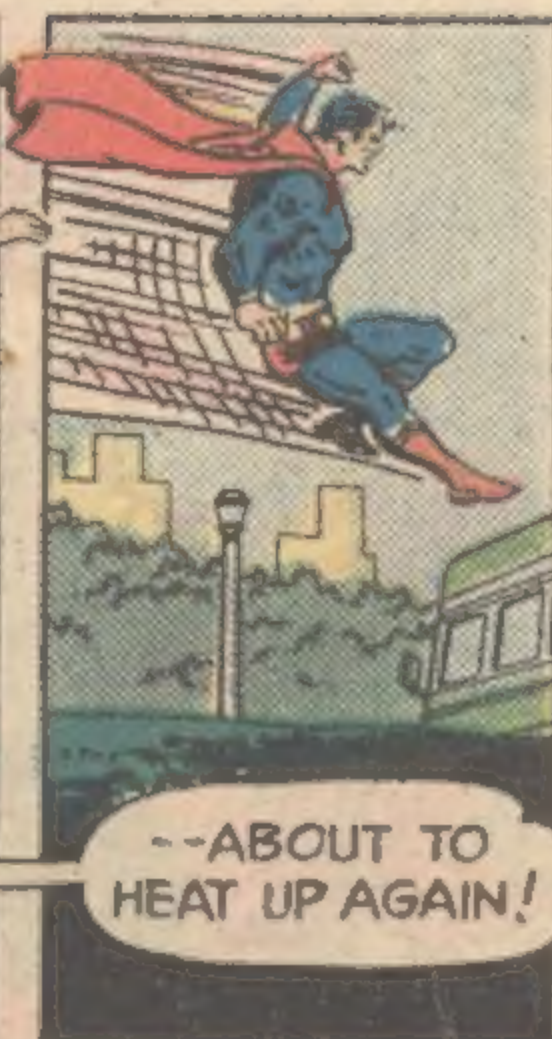
--AND IN THE CONFUSION, NO ONE'S GOING TO NOTICE CLARK KENT DUCKING INTO THE BUSHES!



LOOK-- HE'S STOPPED GLOWING!

NOW WHAT?

I AIN'T GONNA HANG AROUND TO FIND OUT!



HEY,
GANG--

--THE ACTION'S--

--ABOUT TO
HEAT UP AGAIN!

SUPERMAN'S
MAKING THE
SCENE!

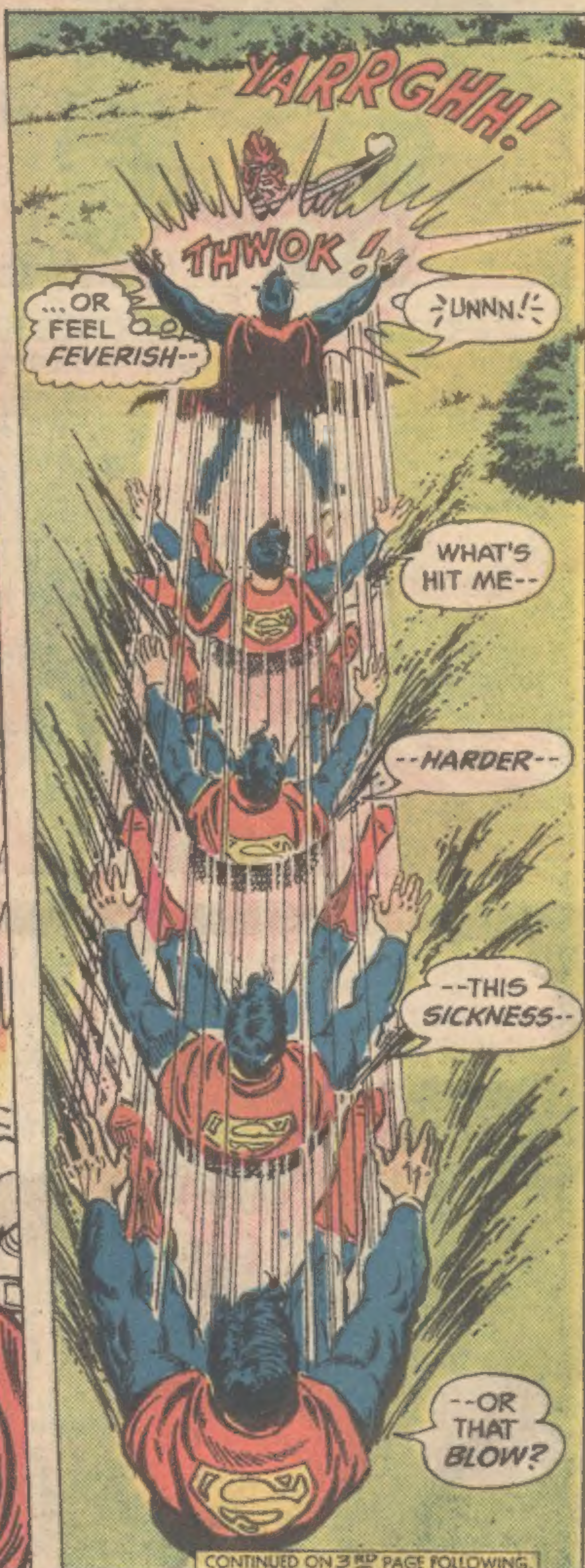
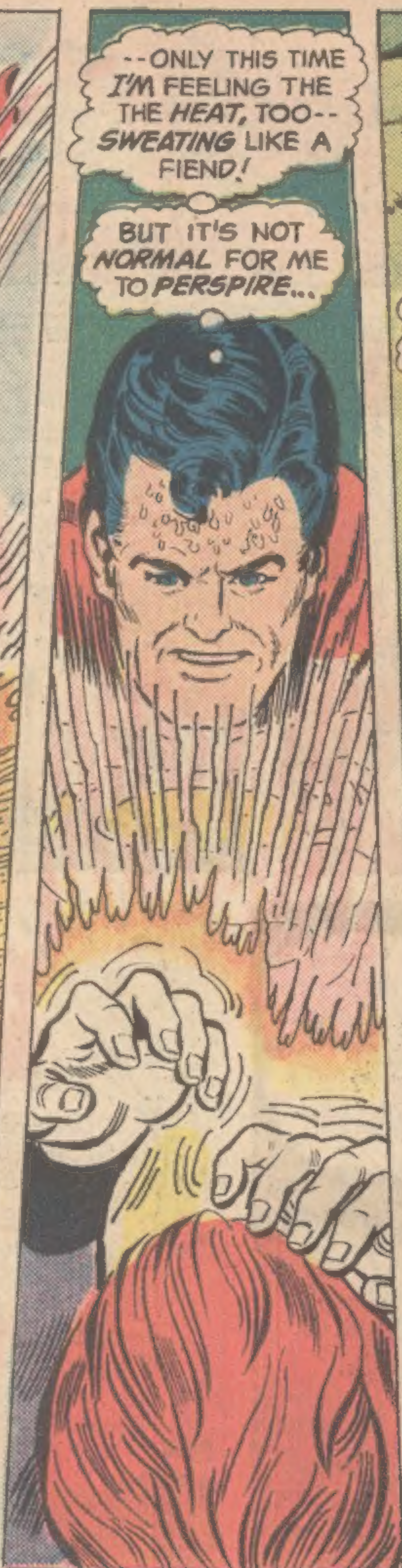


GREAT KRYPTON!
STEVE DIDN'T
KNOW HOW
RIGHT HE
WAS!

THIS
CHARACTER'S
GETTING ALL
FIRED UP
AGAIN--

--ONLY THIS TIME
I'M FEELING THE
THE HEAT, TOO--
**SWEATING LIKE A
FIEND!**

BUT IT'S NOT
NORMAL FOR ME
TO **PERSPIRE...**



YARRGHH!

THWOK!

...OR
FEEL
FEVERISH--

UNNN!!

WHAT'S
HIT ME--

--HARDER--

--THIS
SICKNESS--

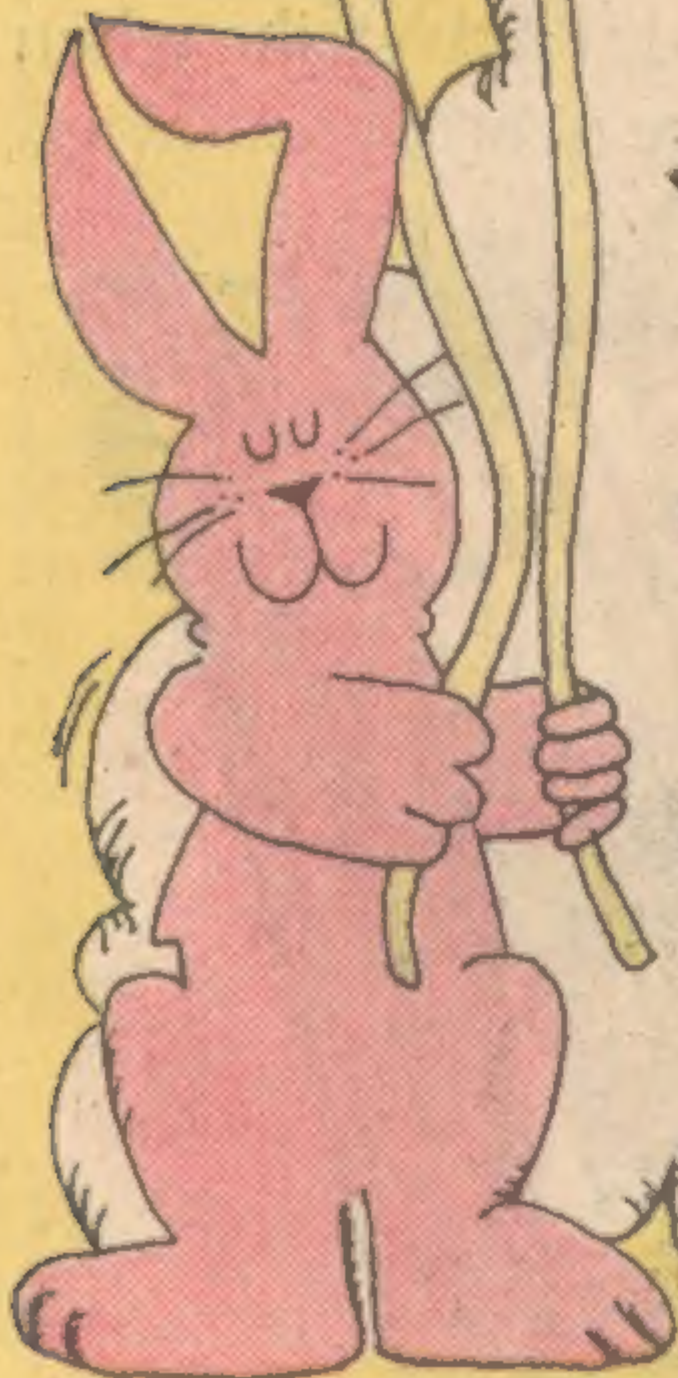
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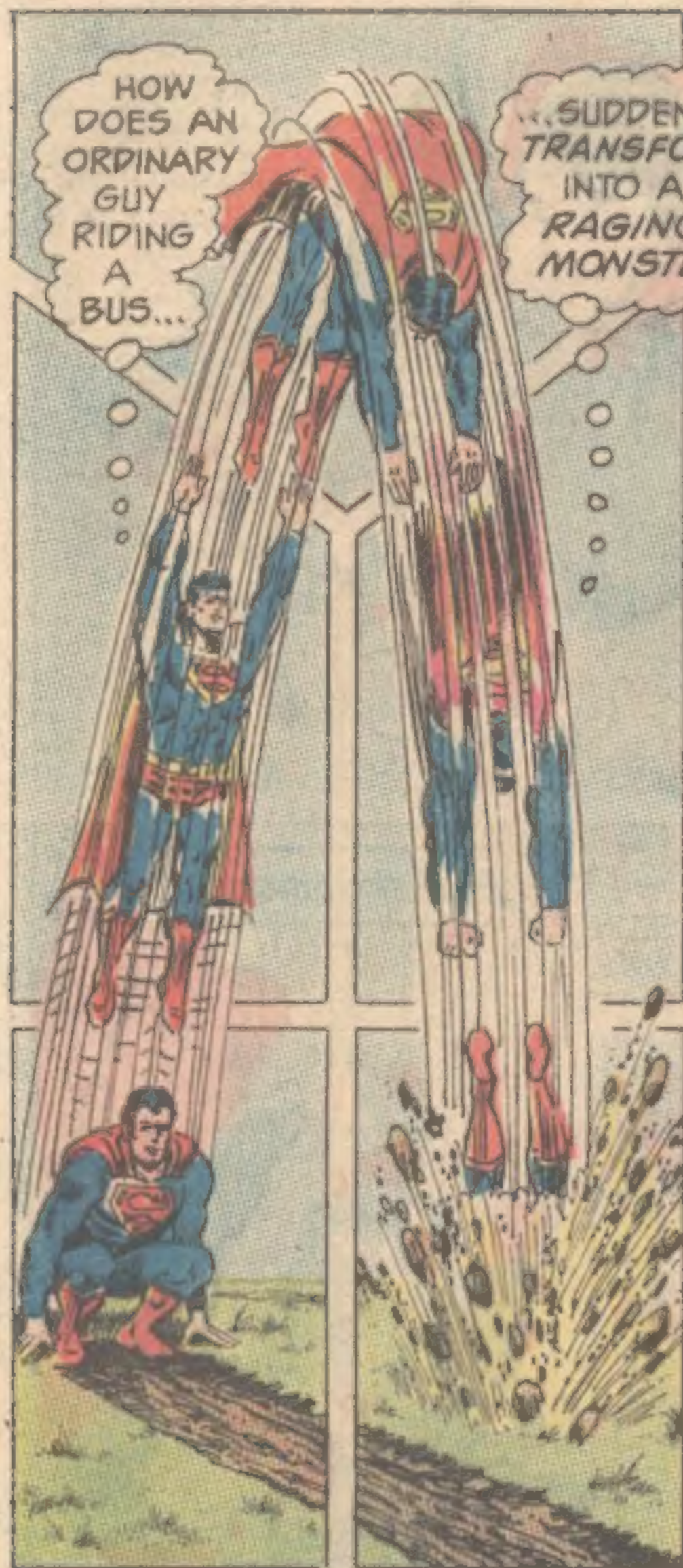
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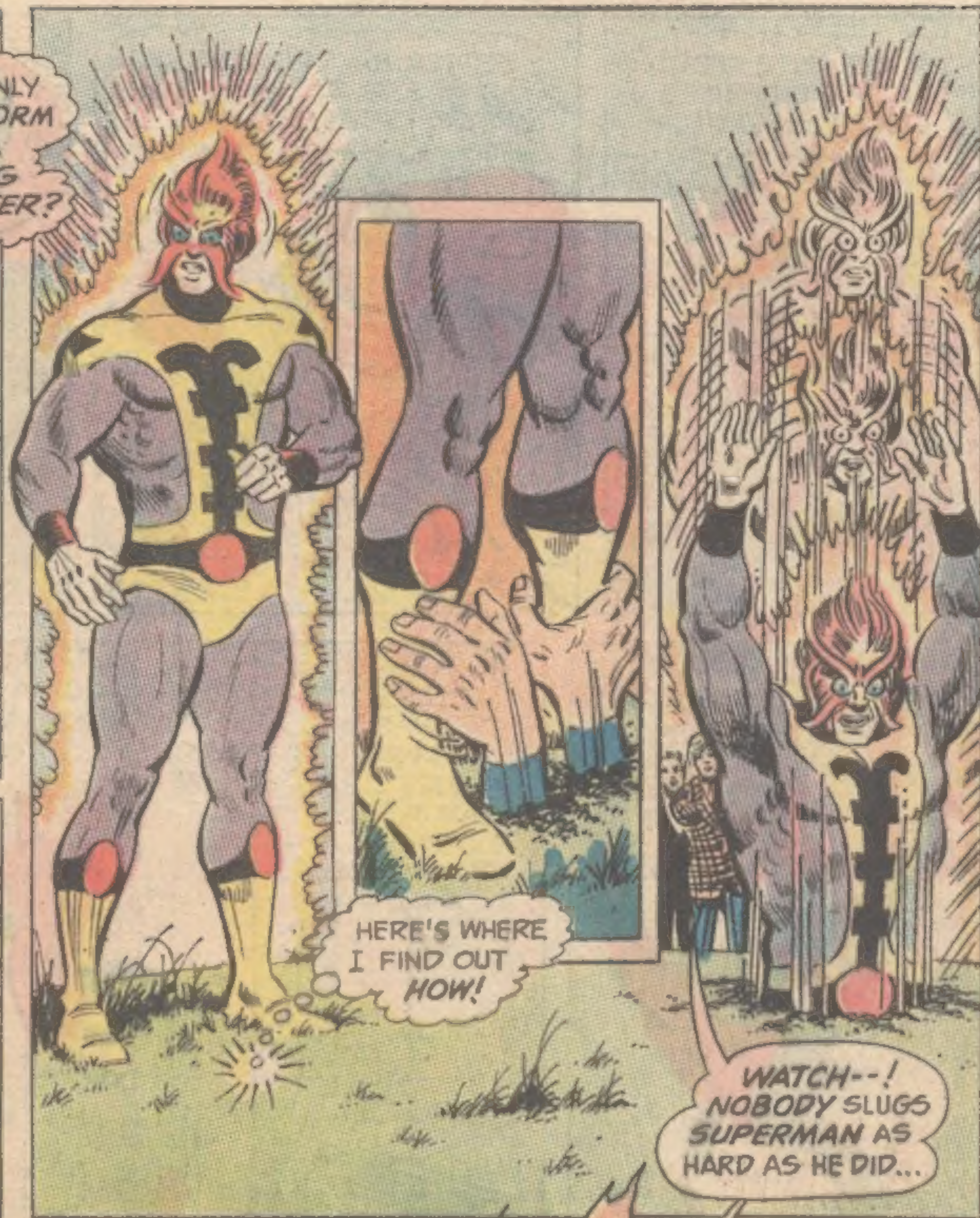
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HOW DOES AN ORDINARY GUY RIDING A BUS...

...SUDDENLY TRANSFORM INTO A RAGING MONSTER?



HERE'S WHERE I FIND OUT HOW!

WATCH--! NOBODY SLUGS SUPERMAN AS HARD AS HE DID...



...WITHOUT GETTING HIT BACK... DOUBLE!

WHOOOMPF!



I SOCKED HIM TWICE UNDERGROUND AND HE DIDN'T EVEN FLINCH!

SO I PUT EVERYTHING I HAD IN MY LAST PUNCH!



THE CREATURE SEEMS UNCONSCIOUS, BUT I CAN'T BE SURE!

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE HIM BEFORE...



BETTER HAVE HIM CHECKED OUT AT S.T.A.R. LABORATORIES!

THE SCIENTISTS THERE... MAY BE ABLE...



...TO FIND OUT...

GASP! I'M STARTING TO BURN UP AGAIN...



...GETTING TOO WEAK TO CARRY HIM...

...CAN'T EVEN STAY AIRBORNE...



LUCKY... CREATURE'S MAKING... SOFT LANDING... ON THAT DUMP TRUCK!

NO SUCH LUCKY BREAK... FOR ME!

GOT A SINKING FEELING... I'M GOING TO END UP--



UNCONSCIOUS!

THUDDDD!



SEVERAL MILES LATER, AT A TRAFFIC LIGHT...

HEY, PAL--DIDJA KNOW YOU'RE HAULIN' A HITCHHIKER IN BACK OF YOUR TRUCK?

A HITCHHIKER--? IN MY TRUCK?

I'LL FIX THAT FREE-LOADER!



THEN, ON THE SHOULDER OF THE HIGHWAY...

HEY, YOU--WHATCHA THINK I'M RUNNIN'--A FREE TAXI-SERVICE?

OUTA MY DUMP!



THANKS FOR
THE LIFT,
MISTER!

AND HERE'S A
FIVER FOR YOUR
TROUBLE!

CAN THIS
MAN BE THE
MONSTROSITY
WHO DRAINED
SUPERMAN
OF HIS
STRENGTH...
THE VERY
SAME MAN
WHO BOARDED
THE B-109
BUS LOOKING
LIKE A
TYPICAL
CONSTRUCTION
WORKER??

PERHAPS HIS THOUGHTS WILL
PROVIDE AN ANSWER...

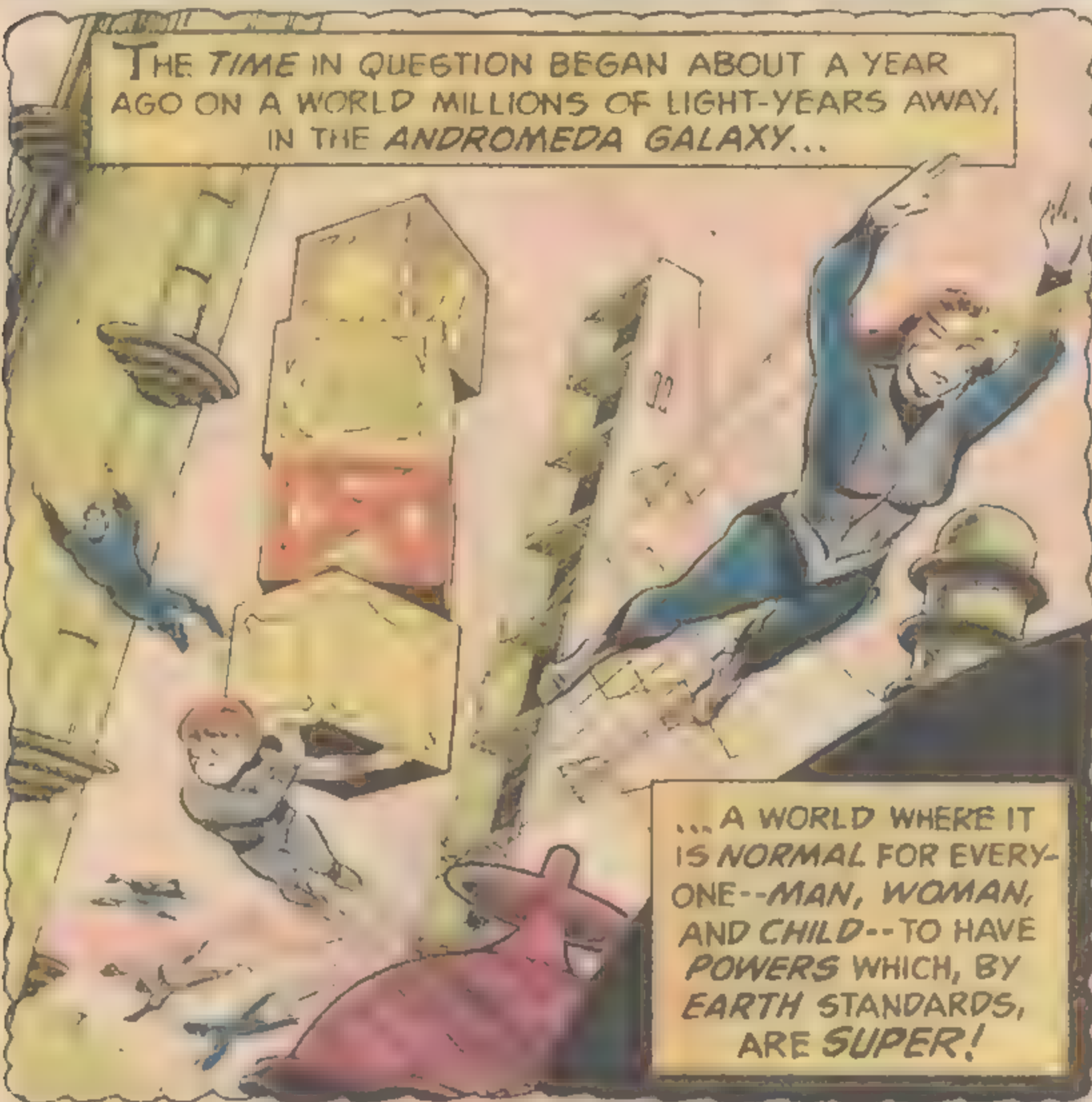


I ALMOST
"BLEW MY
COVER"--

MOTHER ANDROMEDA!
I'M TALKING MORE
LIKE AN EARTHMAN
EVERY DAY!

I AVOIDED EXPOSING MY
SECRET IDENTITY BY
REGAINING MENTAL CONTROL
OF MYSELF IN TIME TO RE-
ENERGIZE MY HUMAN
SHEATH AND ACCESSORIES!

I HAD A PREMONITION
THE TIME WOULD COME
WHICH WOULD RUIN
MY RECOVERY!



THE TIME IN QUESTION BEGAN ABOUT A YEAR
AGO ON A WORLD MILLIONS OF LIGHT-YEARS AWAY,
IN THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY...

...A WORLD WHERE IT
IS NORMAL FOR EVERY-
ONE--MAN, WOMAN,
AND CHILD--TO HAVE
POWERS WHICH, BY
EARTH STANDARDS,
ARE SUPER!

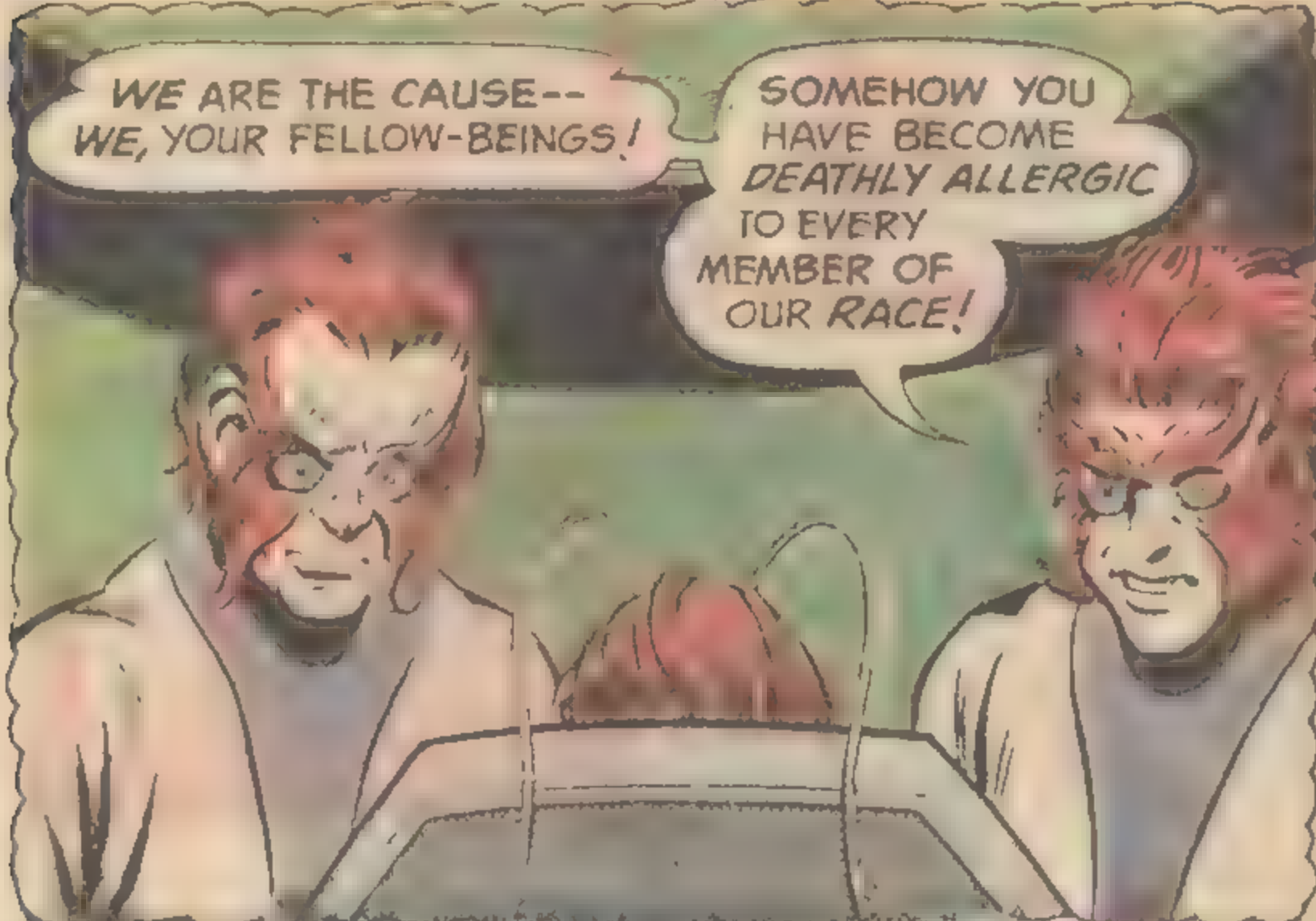


BUT ONE INHABITANT OF THIS WORLD
WAS DEFINITELY NOT NORMAL...

OUR TESTS
CONFIRM THE
WORST, KARB-BRAK!

YOU HAVE A
FATAL DISEASE!

WE HAVE
DISCOVERED THE
MYSTERIOUS
CAUSE OF YOUR
RECURRING FEVER
AND UNCONTROL-
LABLE SEIZURES!



WE ARE THE CAUSE--
WE, YOUR FELLOW-BEINGS!

SOMEHOW YOU
HAVE BECOME
DEATHLY ALLERGIC
TO EVERY
MEMBER OF
OUR RACE!



YOUR NEXT
FEVERISH
ATTACK MAY
PROVE FATAL!

BUT OUR WORLD
ABOUNDS IN
PEOPLE! THERE
IS NOWHERE FOR
ME TO GO INTO
SECLUSION!

WHAT
AM I TO
DO?

WE PROGRAMMED
OUR *ASTRO-COMPUTERS*
TO COMB OUR GALAXY FOR
ANOTHER *PLANET* WHOSE
*BIOSPHERE** WOULD BE
IDEALLY *THERAPEUTIC*
TO YOUR CONDITION!

UNFORTUNATELY,
NO SUCH WORLD
EXISTS AMONG
THE *BILLIONS*
IN OUR VAST
GALAXY!

***BIOSPHERE:**
THE SURFACE AND
ATMOSPHERE OF A LIFE-
SUPPORTING PLANET!
-- EDITOR

THEN I AM
DOOMED--!

YOU SURRENDER TOO
EASILY, *KARB-BRAK!*

OF ALL THE *TRILLIONS*
UPON *TRILLIONS* OF
PLANETS IN THE COSMOS,
THERE MATHEMATICALLY
FIGURED TO BE *ONE*
FOR YOU --

-- AND WE
FOUND IT-- IN
A *NEARBY*
ISLAND
*UNIVERSE!**

***OUR OWN MILKY
WAY GALAXY!**
-- EDITOR

AND THUS THE ALIEN
KARB-BRAK'S THOUGHTS
HAVE KEPT HIM OCCUPIED
DURING THE LONG WALK
TO A CERTAIN
CONSTRUCTION SITE...

MEDA!
YOU'RE AN
HOUR
LATE!

SORRY,
BOSS!
MY BUS...
ER... BROKE
DOWN!

THIS WAS THE *PLANETARY-
SANITARIUM* THEY FOUND
FOR ME-- *EARTH!*

ITS ATMOSPHERE, GRAVITY,
DISTANCE FROM ITS
YELLOW SUN... ARE
IDEAL FOR A TOTAL
RECOVERY!

EXCEPT FOR ONE
UNFORESEEABLE
COMPLICATION--
ANOTHER ALIEN
LIVING ON EARTH
NAMED--

SUPERMAN!

HIS PHYSICAL
MAKE-UP IS
SIMILAR TO
MY OWN!

HIS *PROXIMITY*
CAUSED MY
TERRIBLE FIT...
MADE ME LOSE
ALL CONTROL
OF MYSELF...
REVERTED TO
MY ALIEN FORM!

BY NOW,
IT'S TOO LATE
TO LEAVE
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HAS
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DEGENERATE...
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LONG AS
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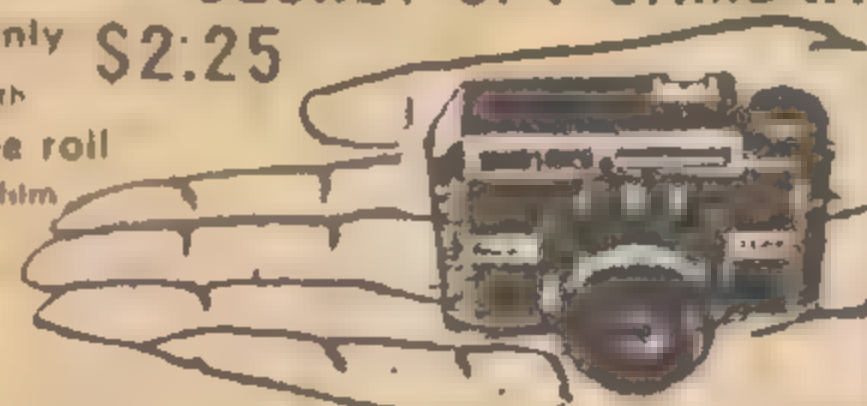
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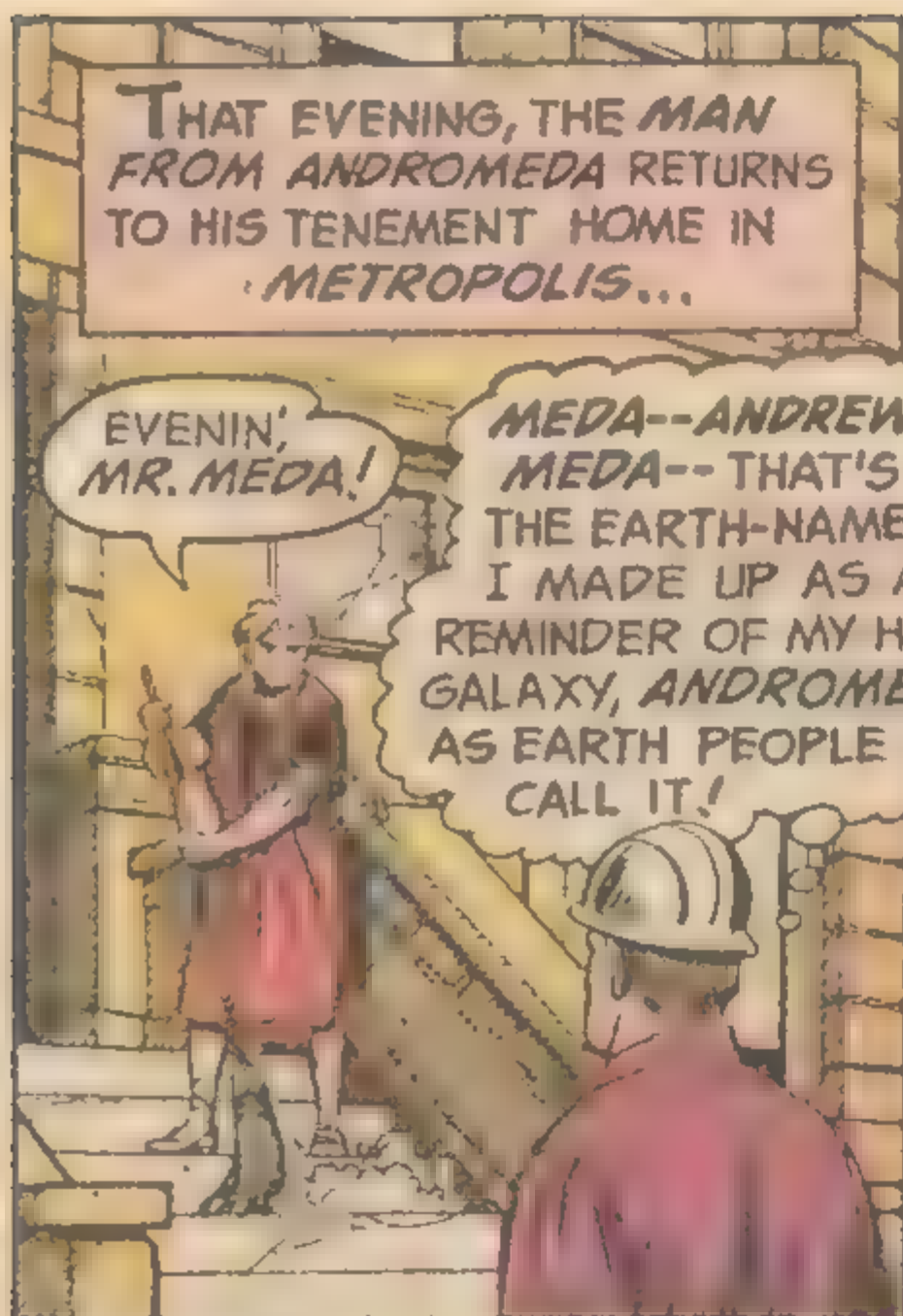
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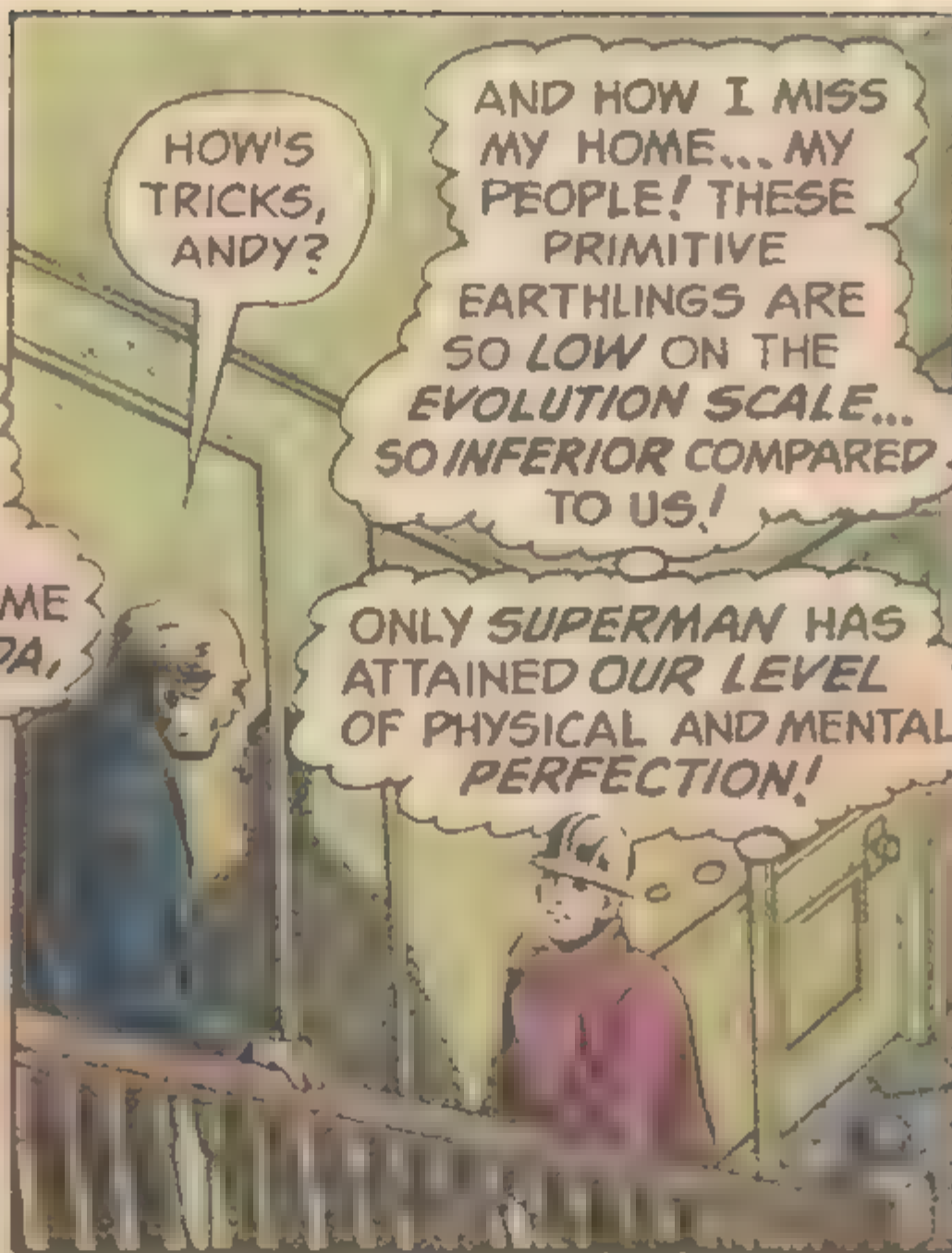
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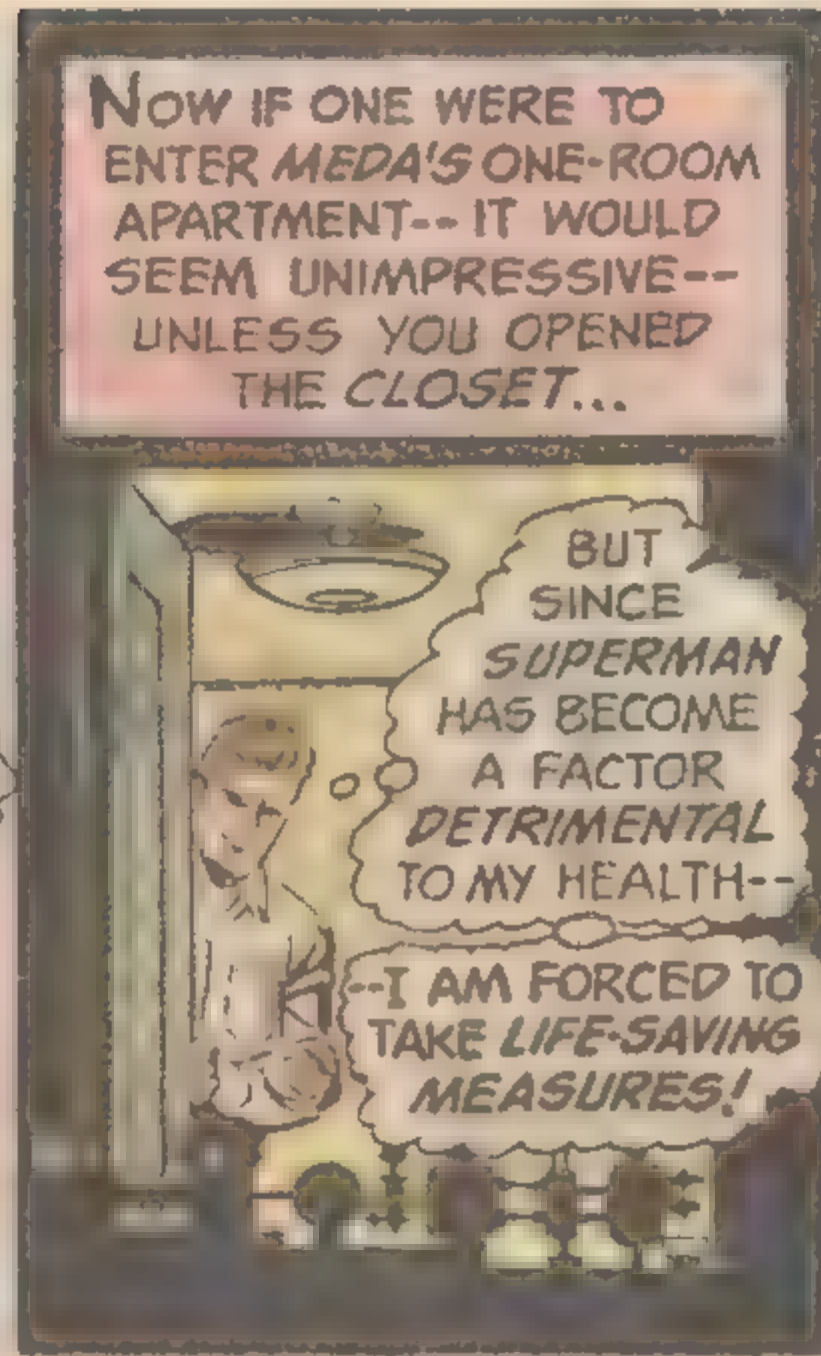
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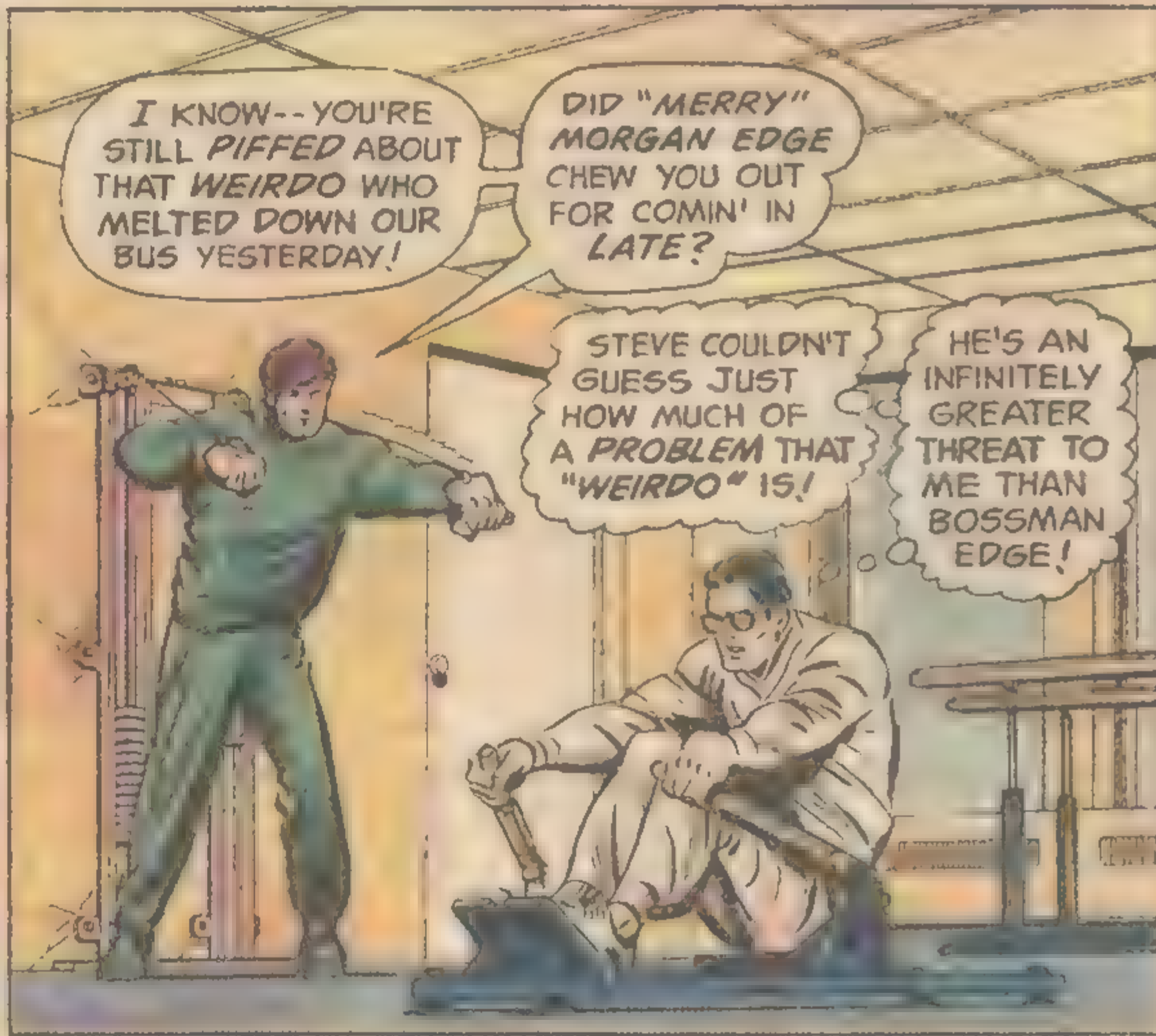
BUT SINCE SUPERMAN HAS BECOME A FACTOR DETRIMENTAL TO MY HEALTH-- --I AM FORCED TO TAKE LIFE-SAVING MEASURES!



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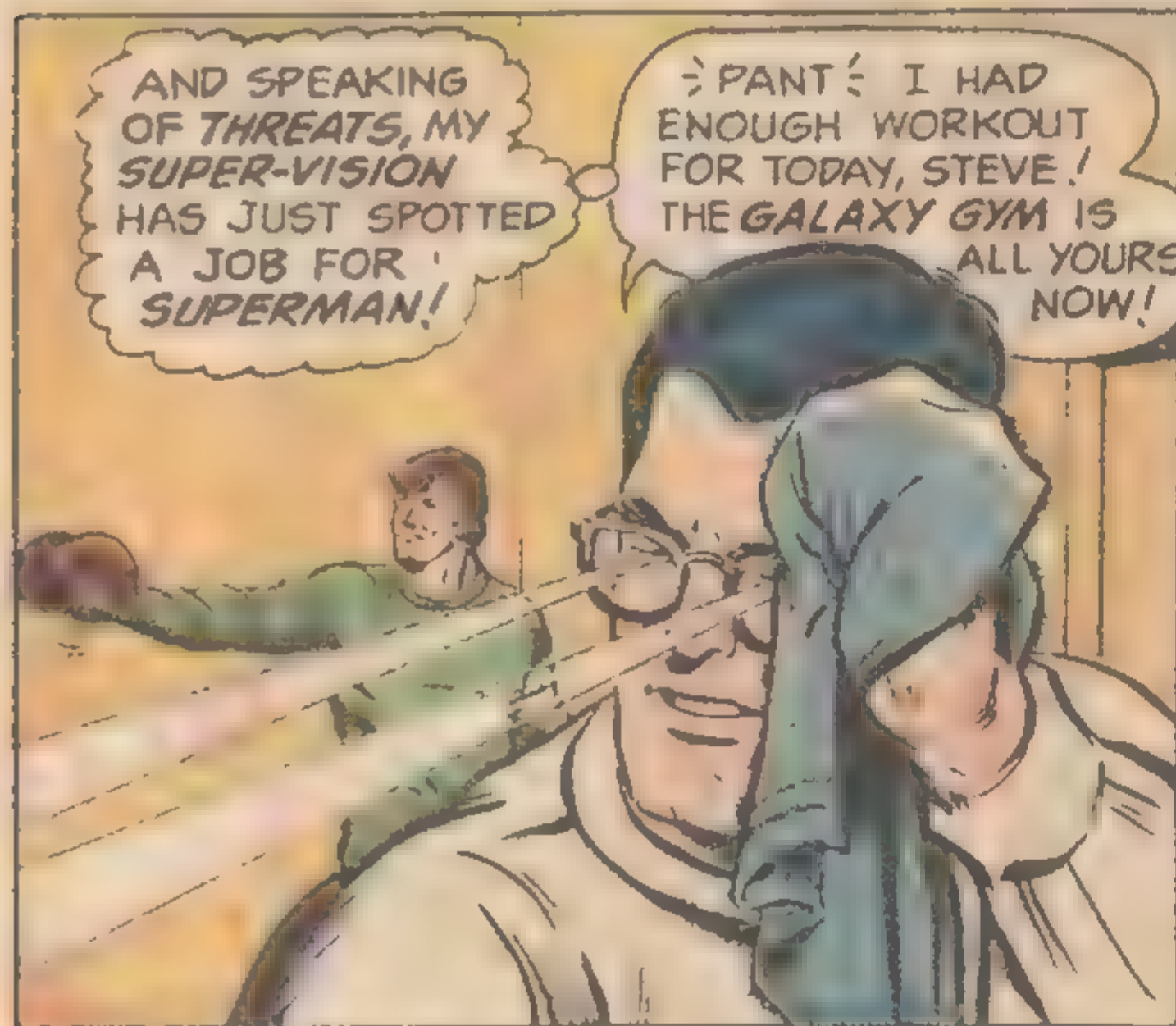


I KNOW-- YOU'RE STILL PIFFED ABOUT THAT WEIRDO WHO MELTED DOWN OUR BUS YESTERDAY!

DID "MERRY" MORGAN EDGE CHEW YOU OUT FOR COMIN' IN LATE?

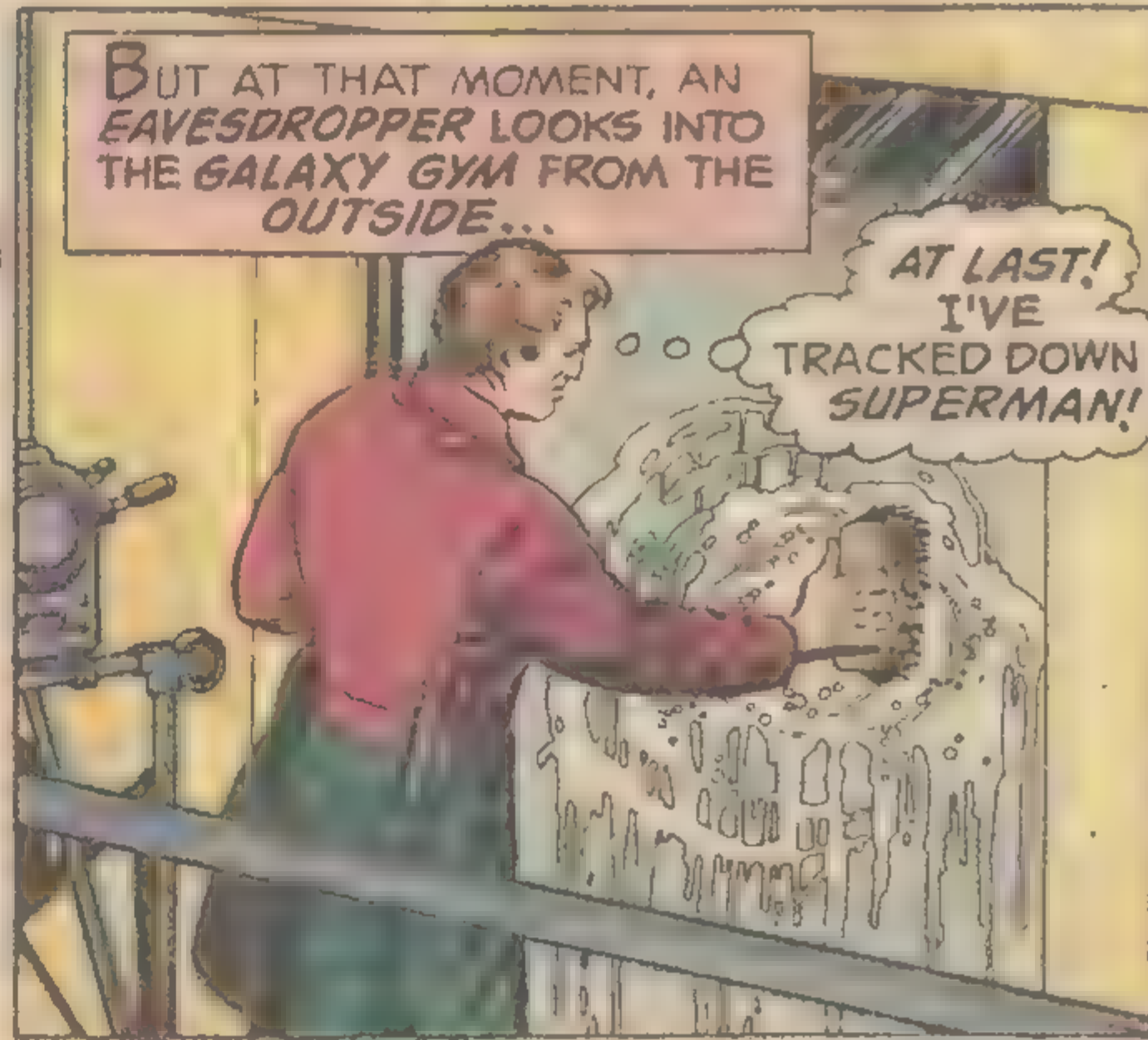
STEVE COULDN'T GUESS JUST HOW MUCH OF A PROBLEM THAT "WEIRDO" IS!

HE'S AN INFINITELY GREATER THREAT TO ME THAN BOSSMAN EDGE!



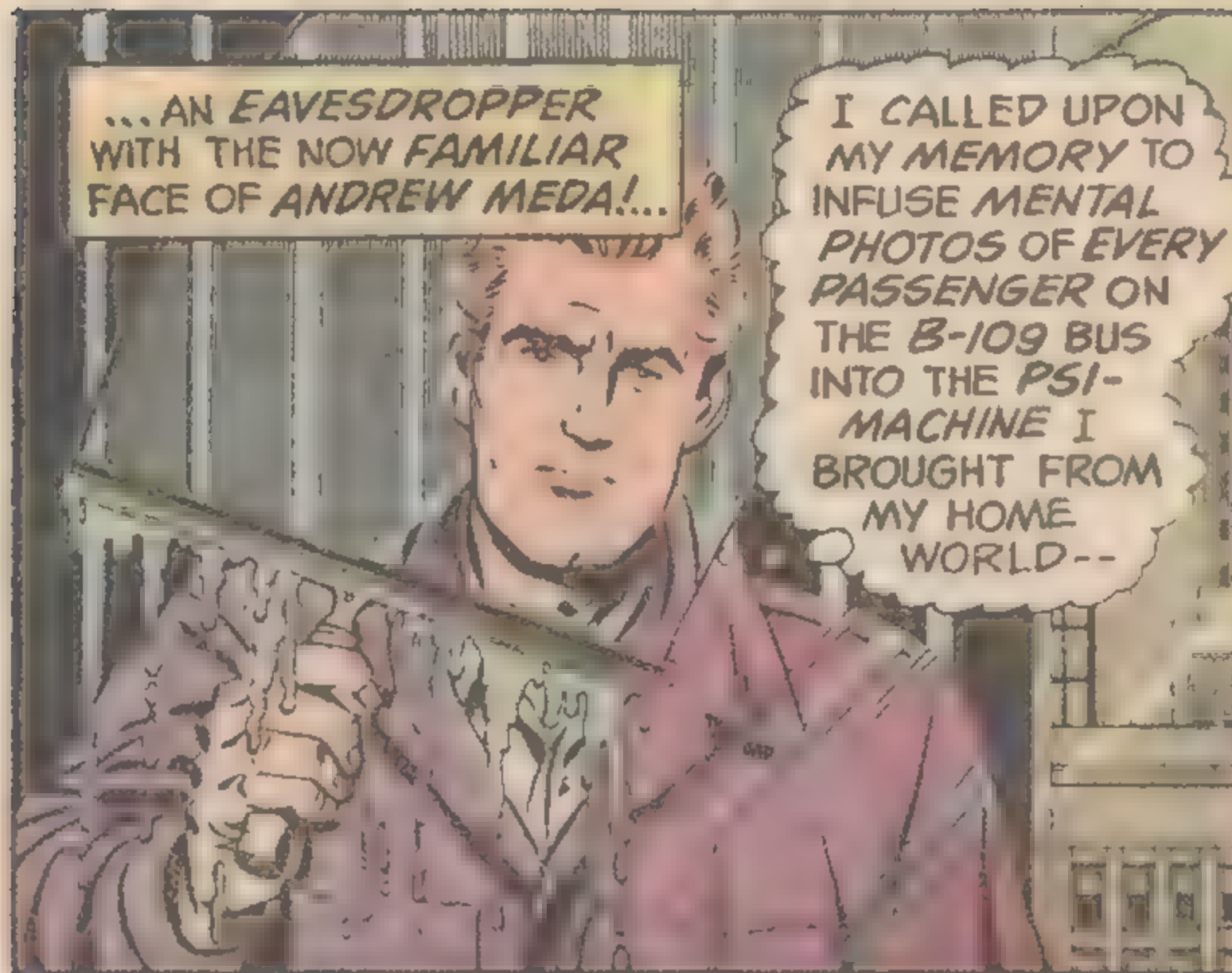
AND SPEAKING OF THREATS, MY SUPER-VISION HAS JUST SPOTTED A JOB FOR SUPERMAN!

PANT! I HAD ENOUGH WORKOUT FOR TODAY, STEVE! THE GALAXY GYM IS ALL YOURS NOW!



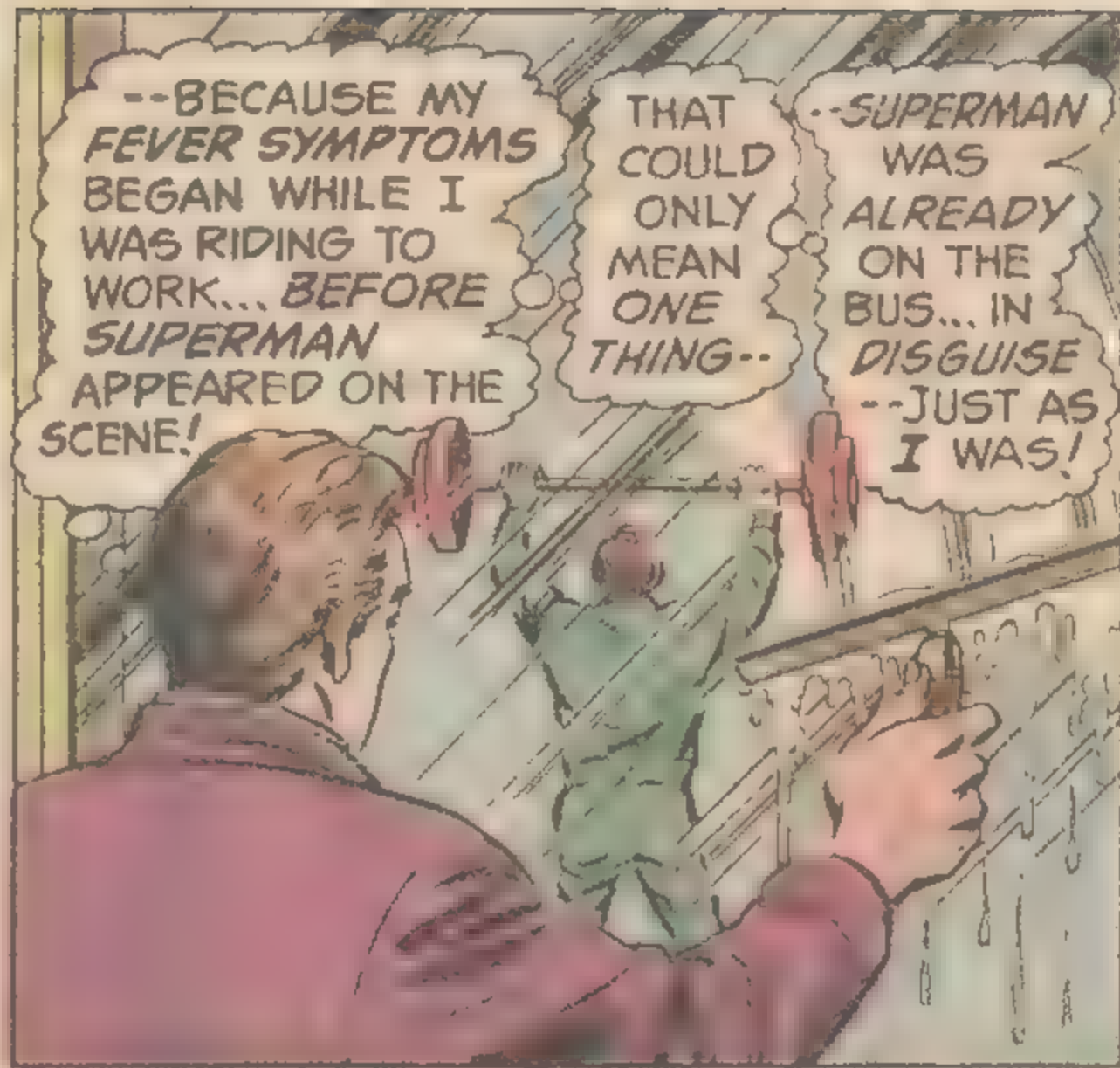
BUT AT THAT MOMENT, AN EAVESDROPPER LOOKS INTO THE GALAXY GYM FROM THE OUTSIDE...

AT LAST! I'VE TRACKED DOWN SUPERMAN!



...AN EAVESDROPPER WITH THE NOW FAMILIAR FACE OF ANDREW MEDA!...

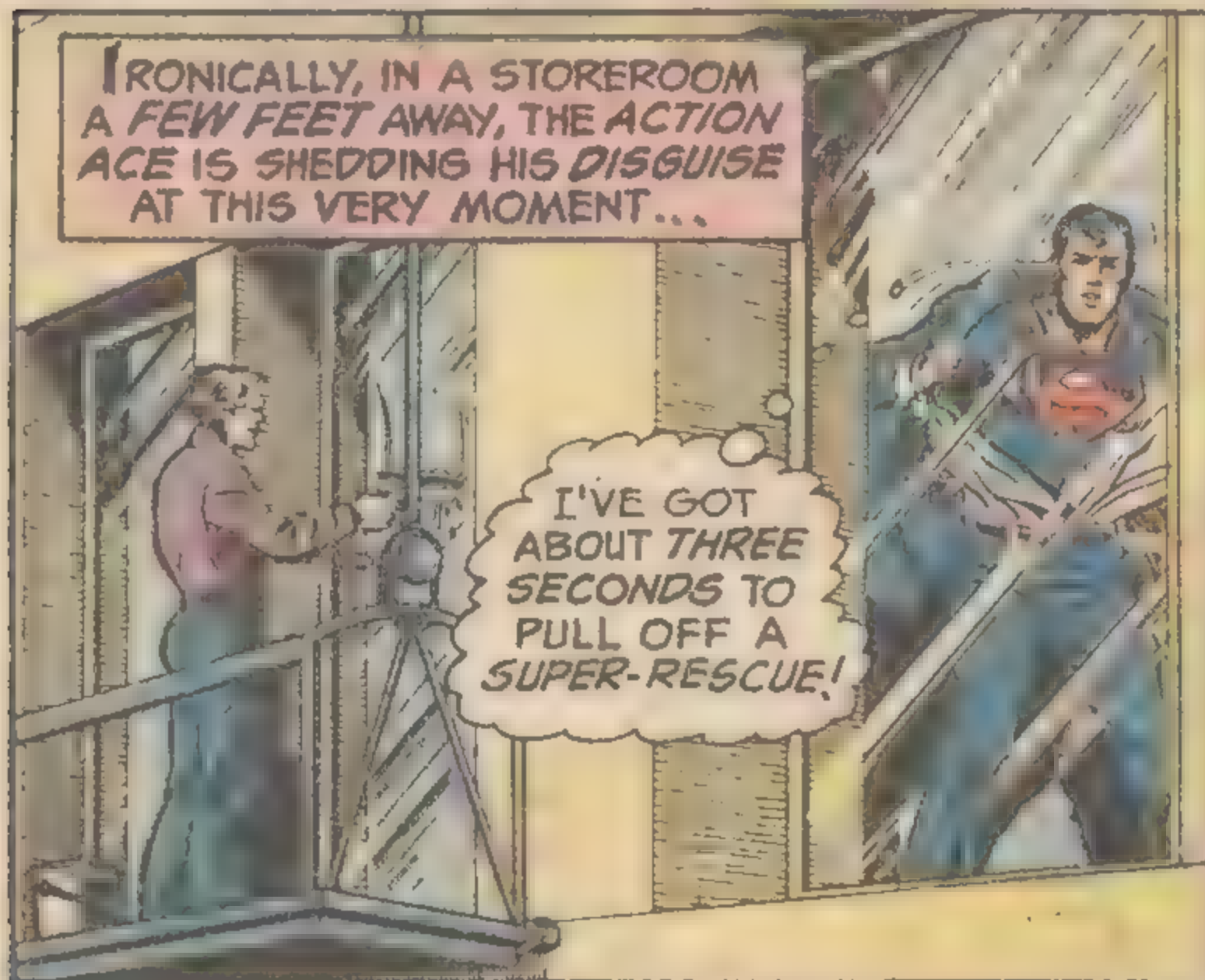
I CALLED UPON MY MEMORY TO INFUSE MENTAL PHOTOS OF EVERY PASSENGER ON THE B-109 BUS INTO THE PSI-MACHINE I BROUGHT FROM MY HOME WORLD--



--BECAUSE MY FEVER SYMPTOMS BEGAN WHILE I WAS RIDING TO WORK... BEFORE SUPERMAN APPEARED ON THE SCENE!

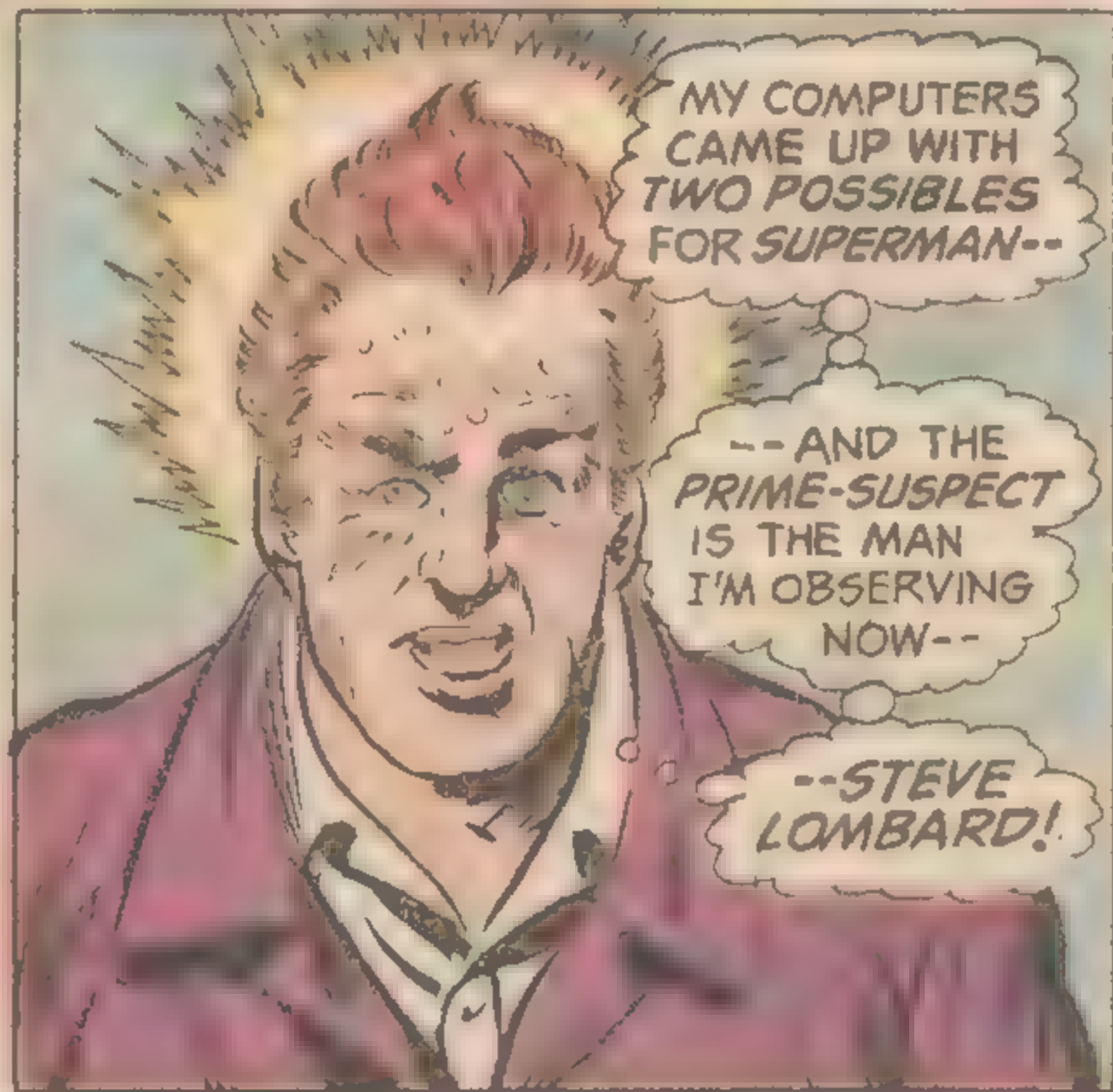
THAT COULD ONLY MEAN ONE THING--

--SUPERMAN WAS ALREADY ON THE BUS... IN DISGUISE --JUST AS I WAS!



IRONICALLY, IN A STOREROOM A FEW FEET AWAY, THE ACTION ACE IS SHEDDING HIS DISGUISE AT THIS VERY MOMENT...

I'VE GOT ABOUT THREE SECONDS TO PULL OFF A SUPER-RESCUE!



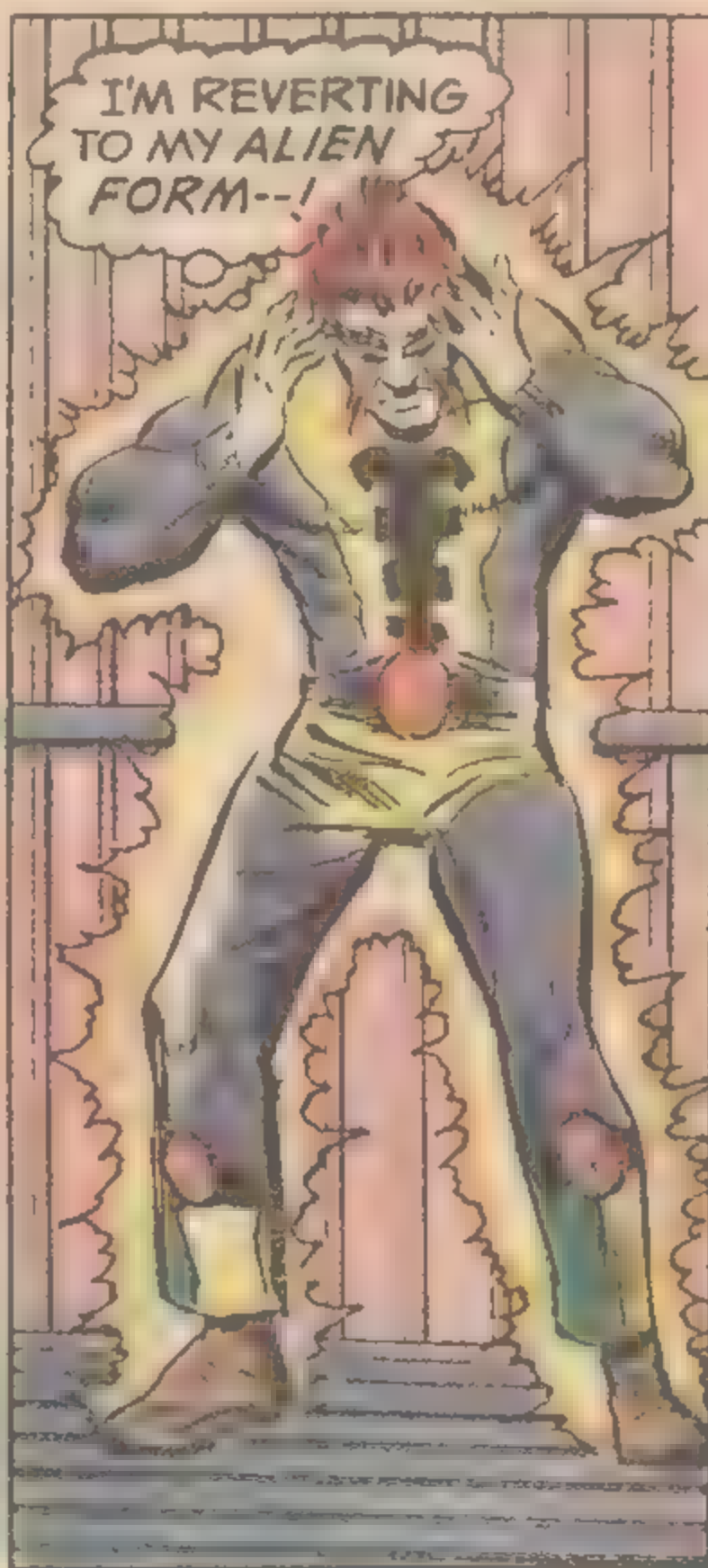
MY COMPUTERS CAME UP WITH TWO POSSIBLES FOR SUPERMAN--

--AND THE PRIME-SUSPECT IS THE MAN I'M OBSERVING NOW--

--STEVE LOMBARD!



SURE ENOUGH! THE FEVER IS HITTING ME AGAIN!



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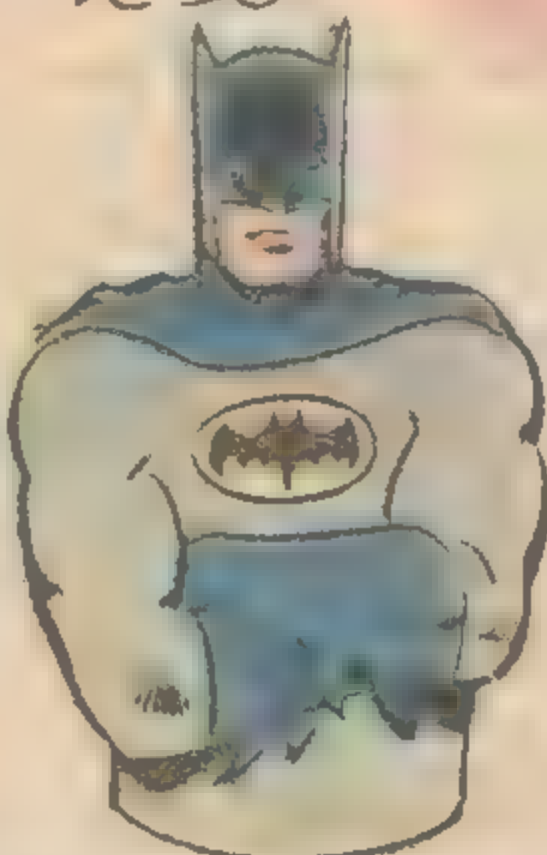
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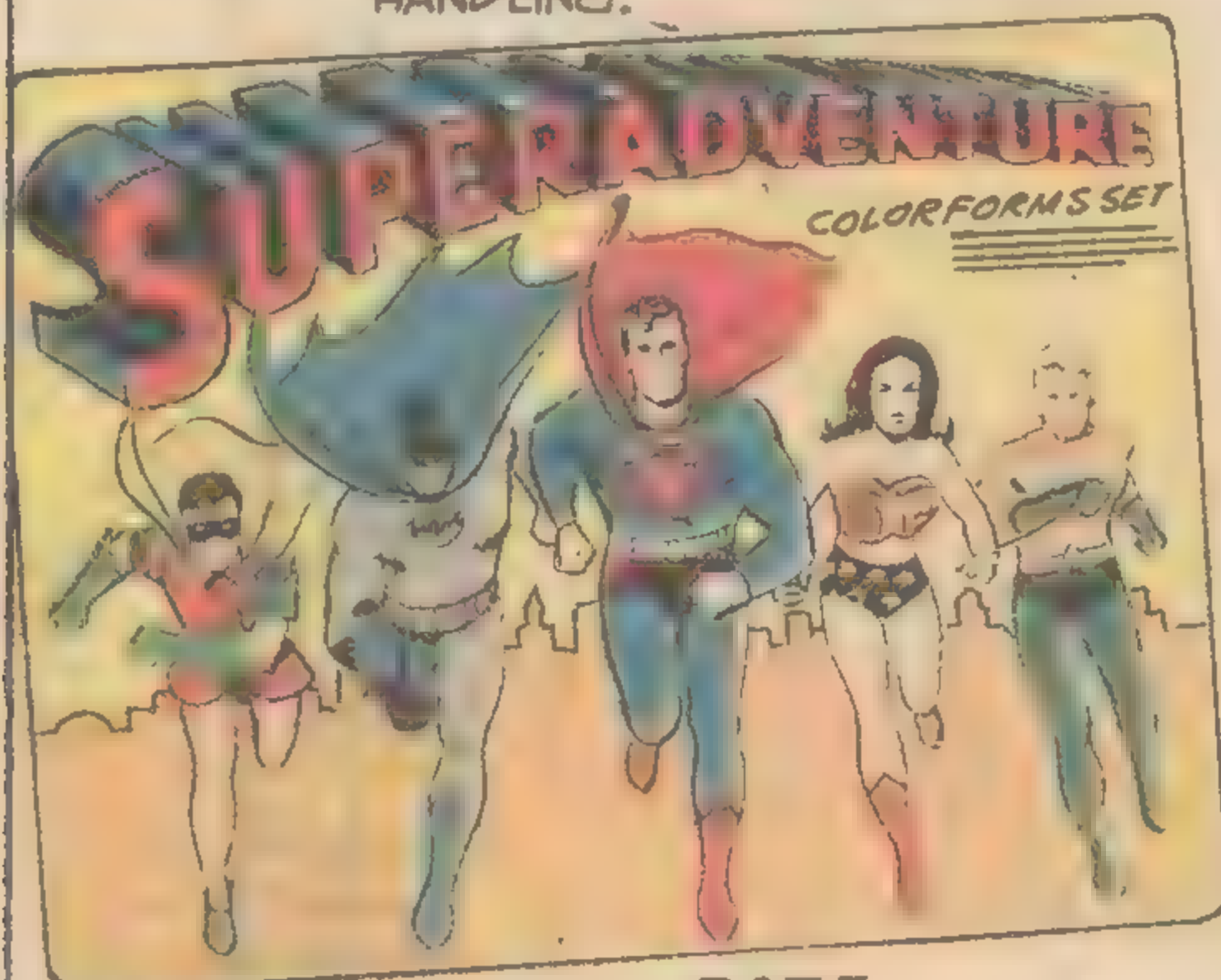
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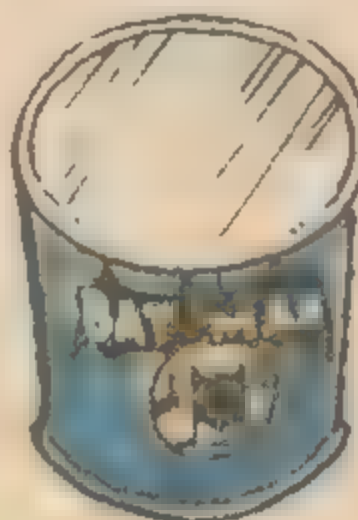
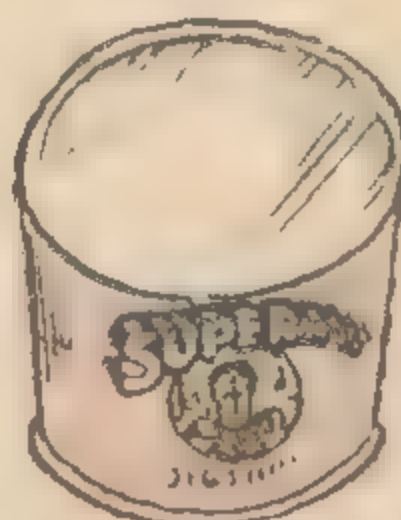
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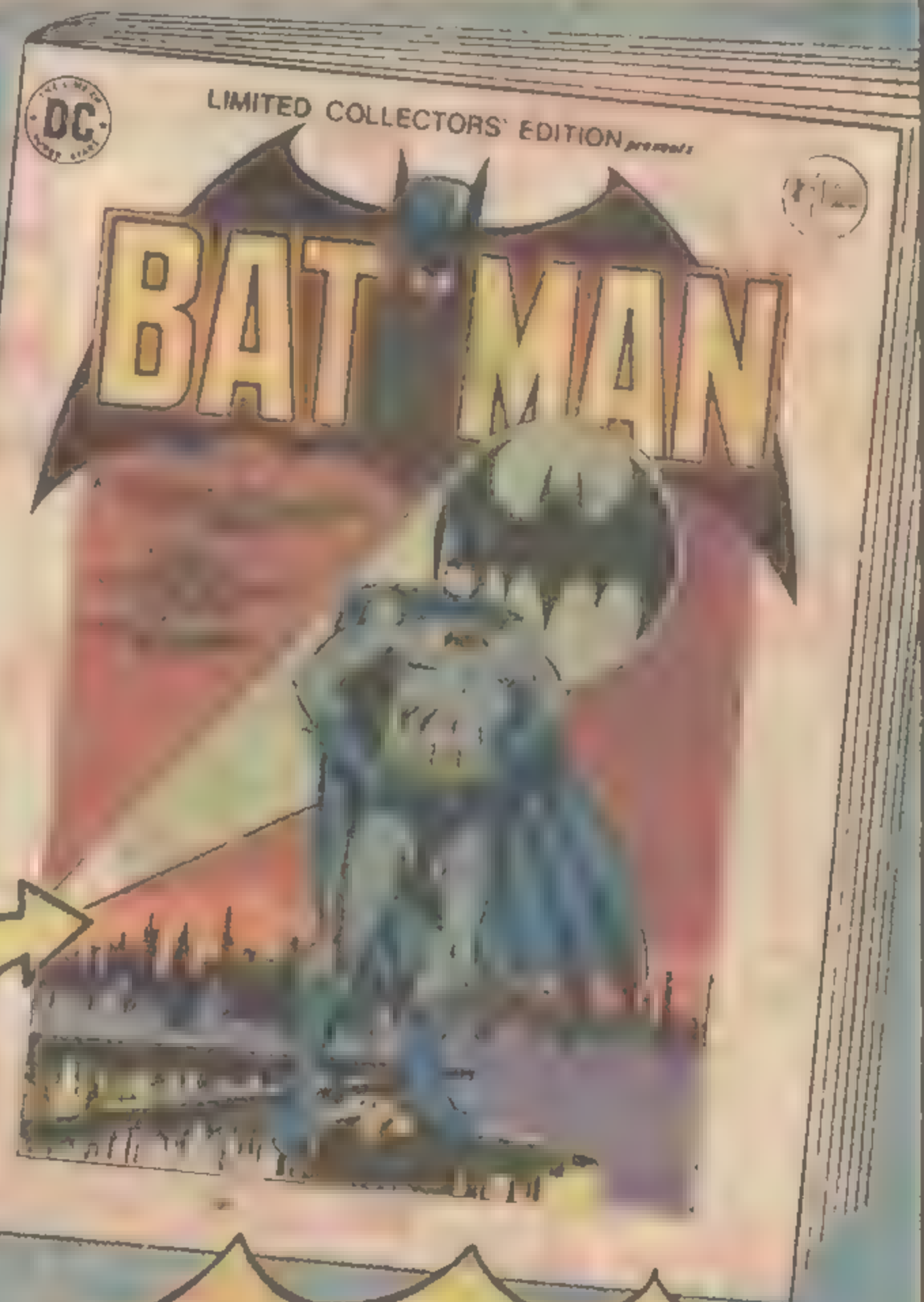
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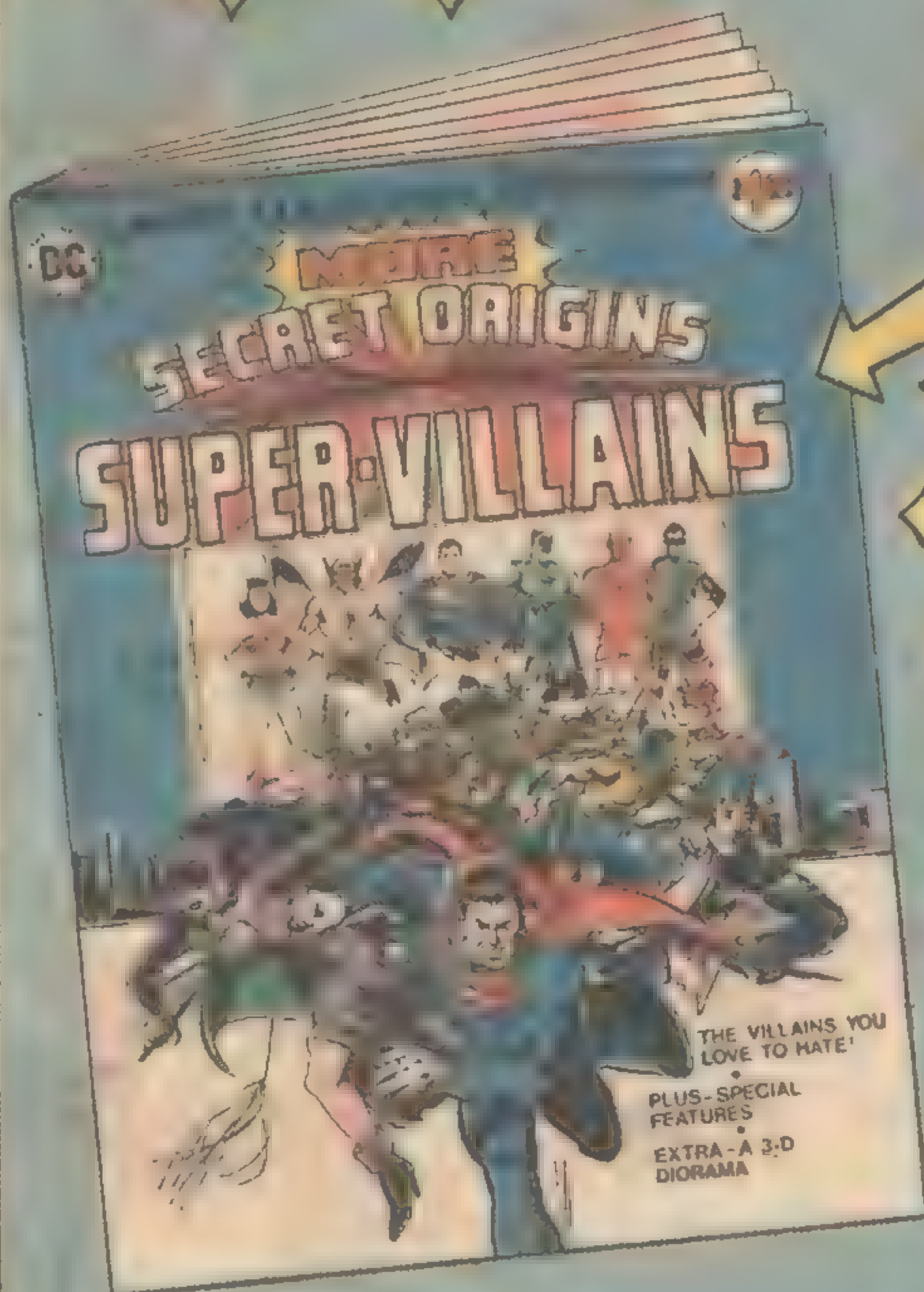
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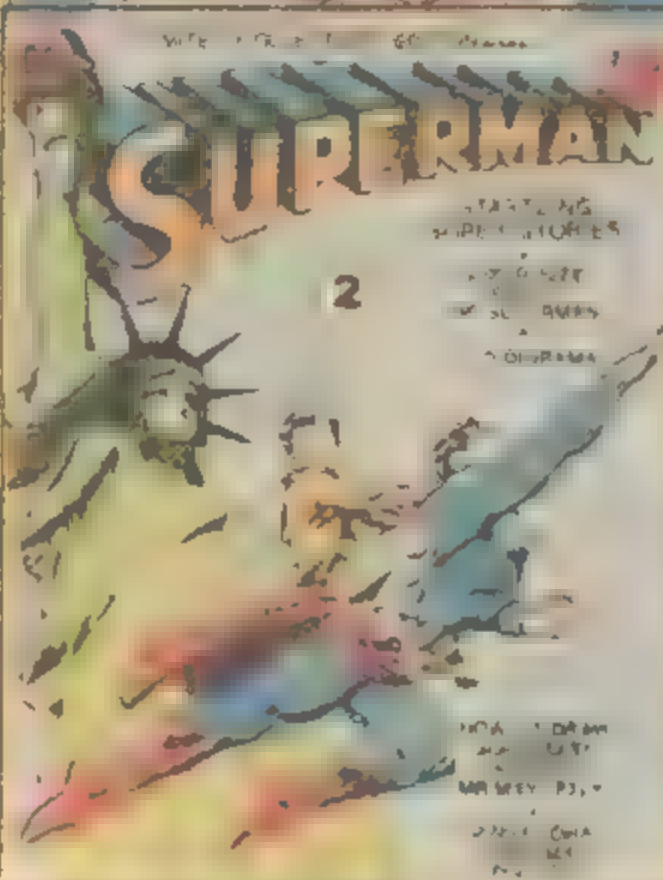
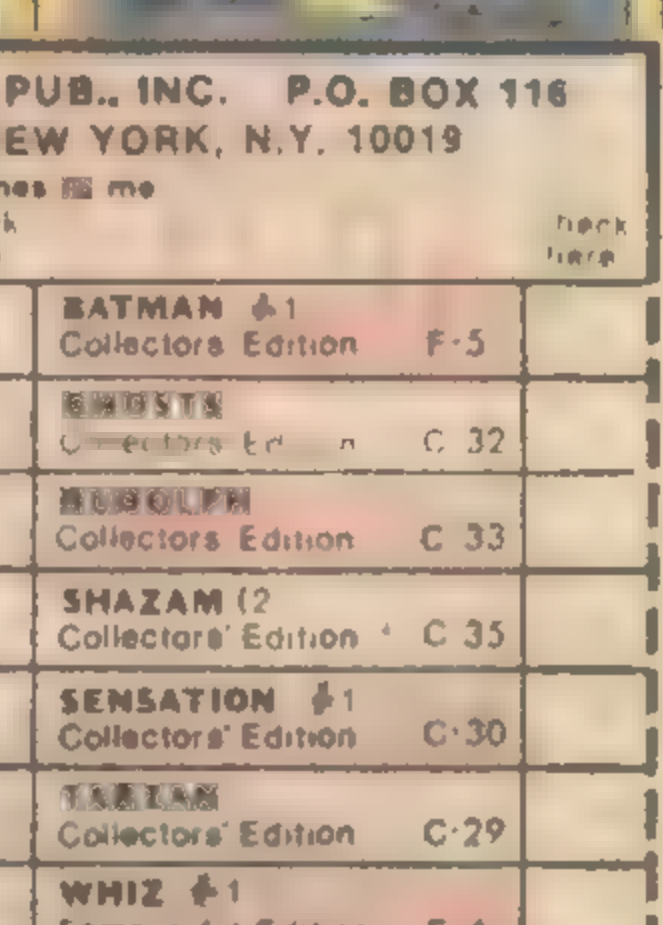
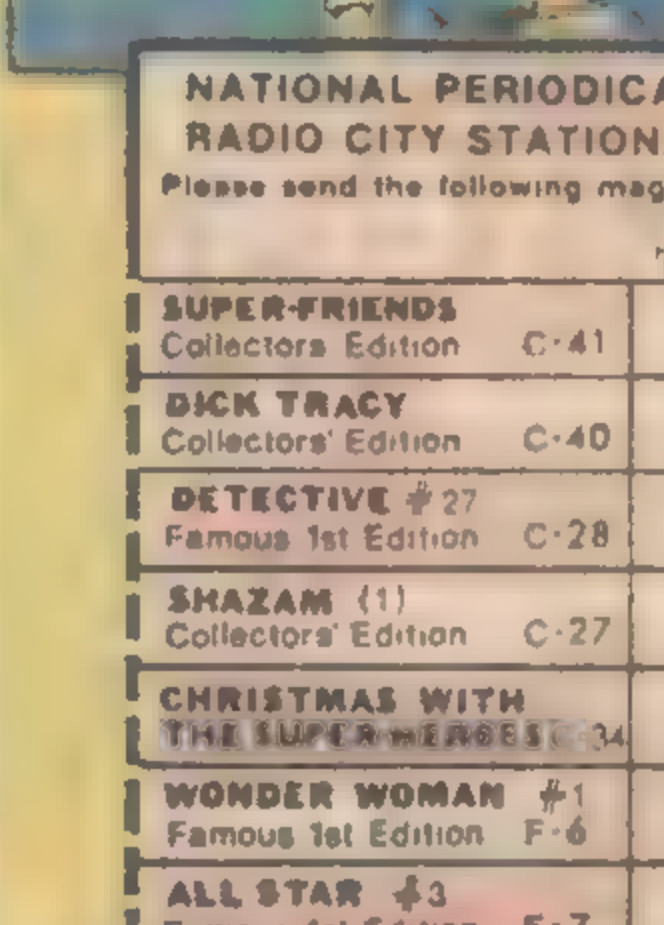
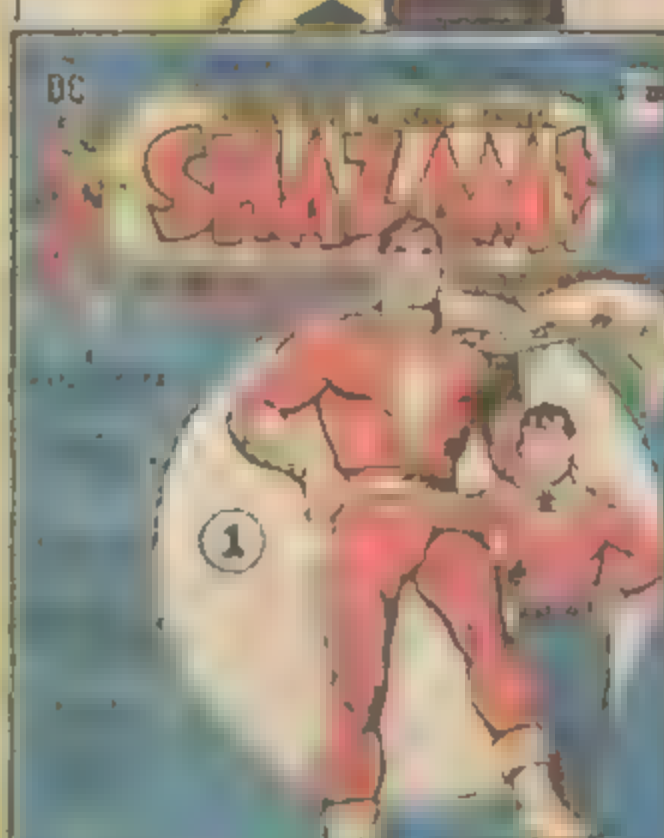
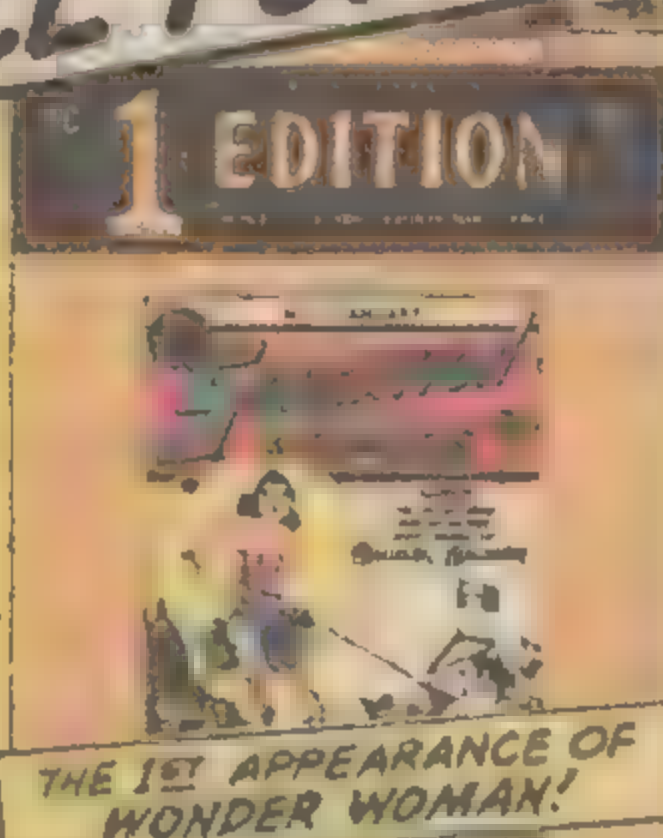
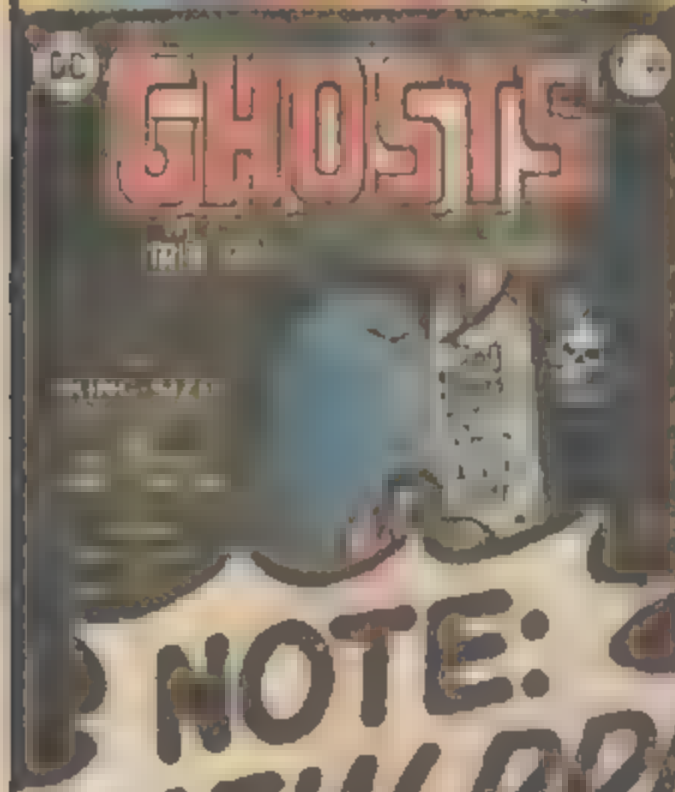
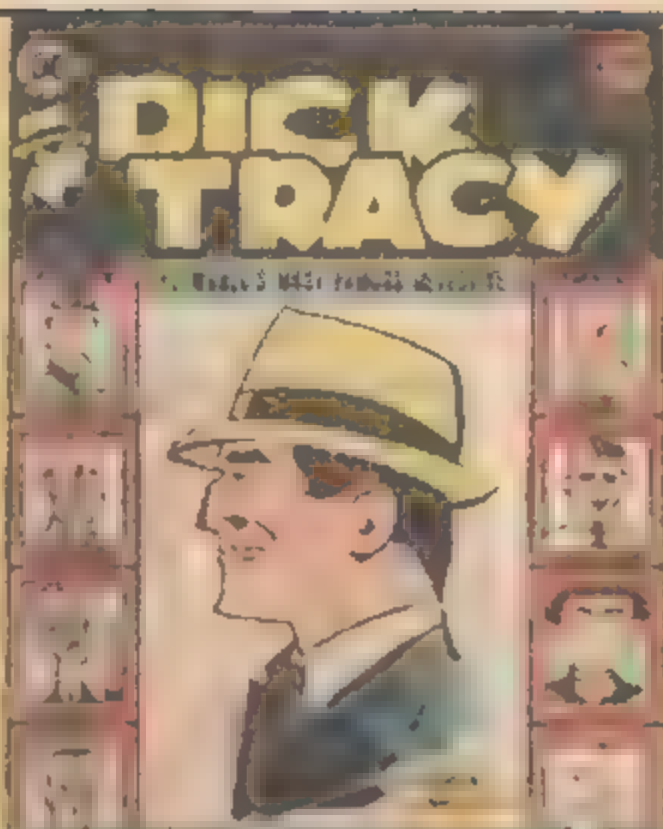
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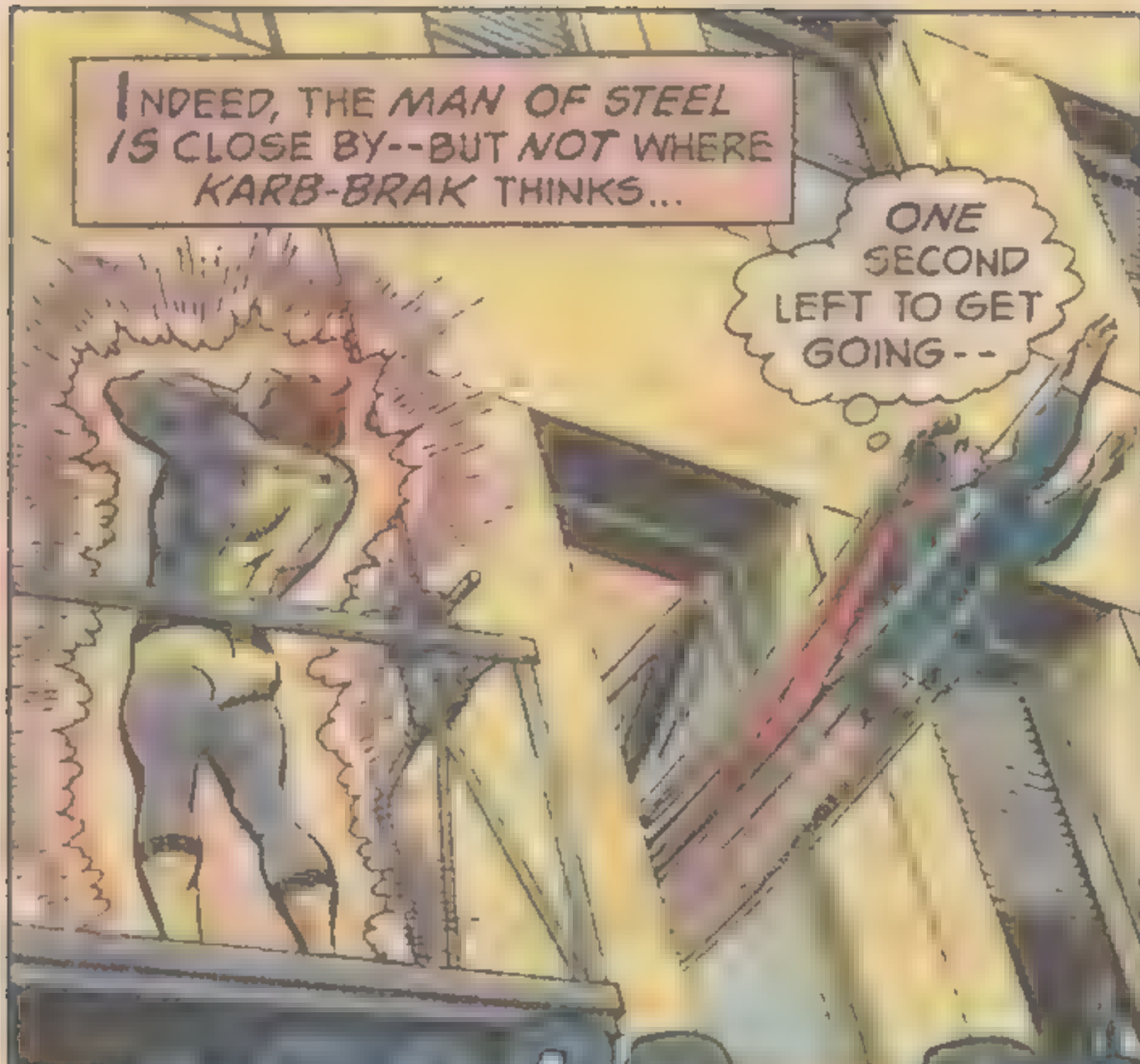
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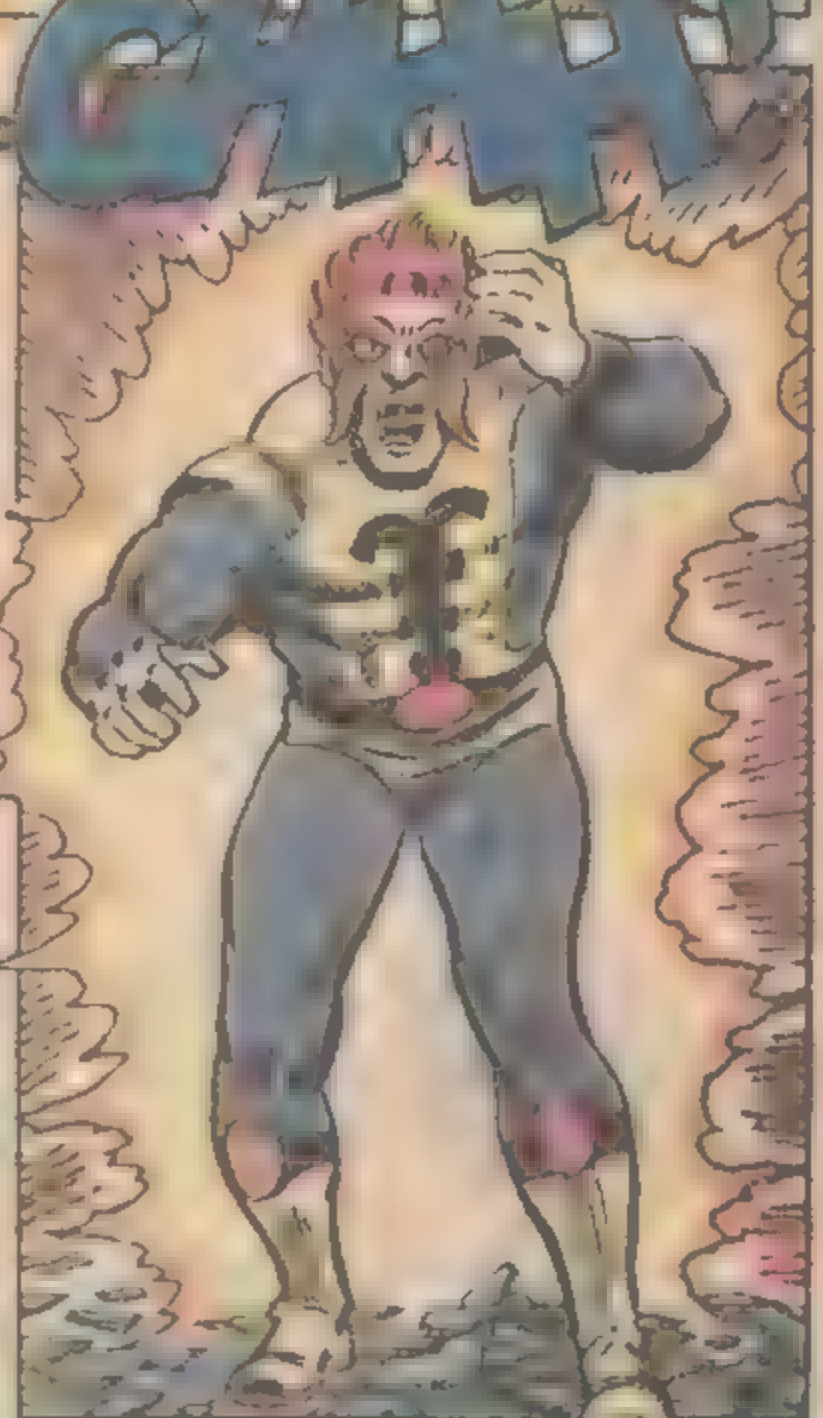


INDEED, THE MAN OF STEEL IS CLOSE BY--BUT NOT WHERE KARB-BRAK THINKS...

ONE SECOND LEFT TO GET GOING--



--WHICH SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME FLYING AT INVISIBLE SUPER-SPEED!



GASP!--

YOU AGAIN--?!

YES...AND YOU ARE KILLING ME, SUPERMAN!

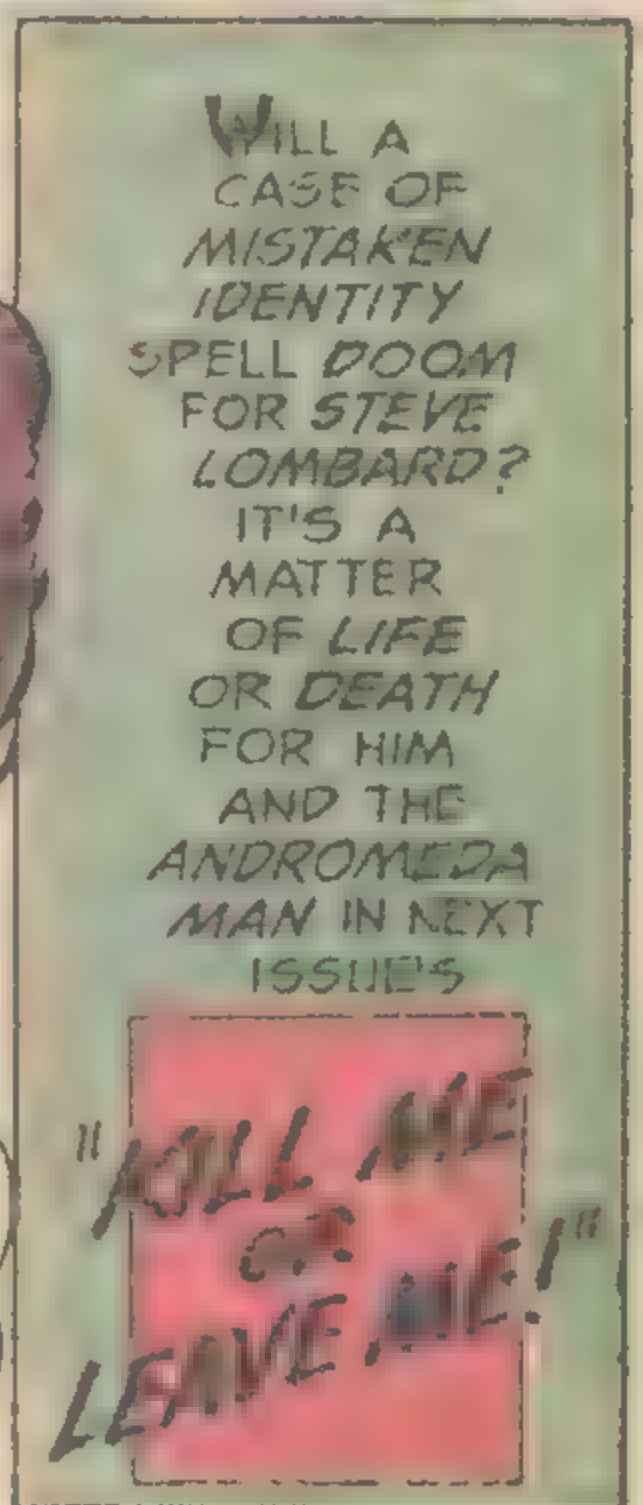


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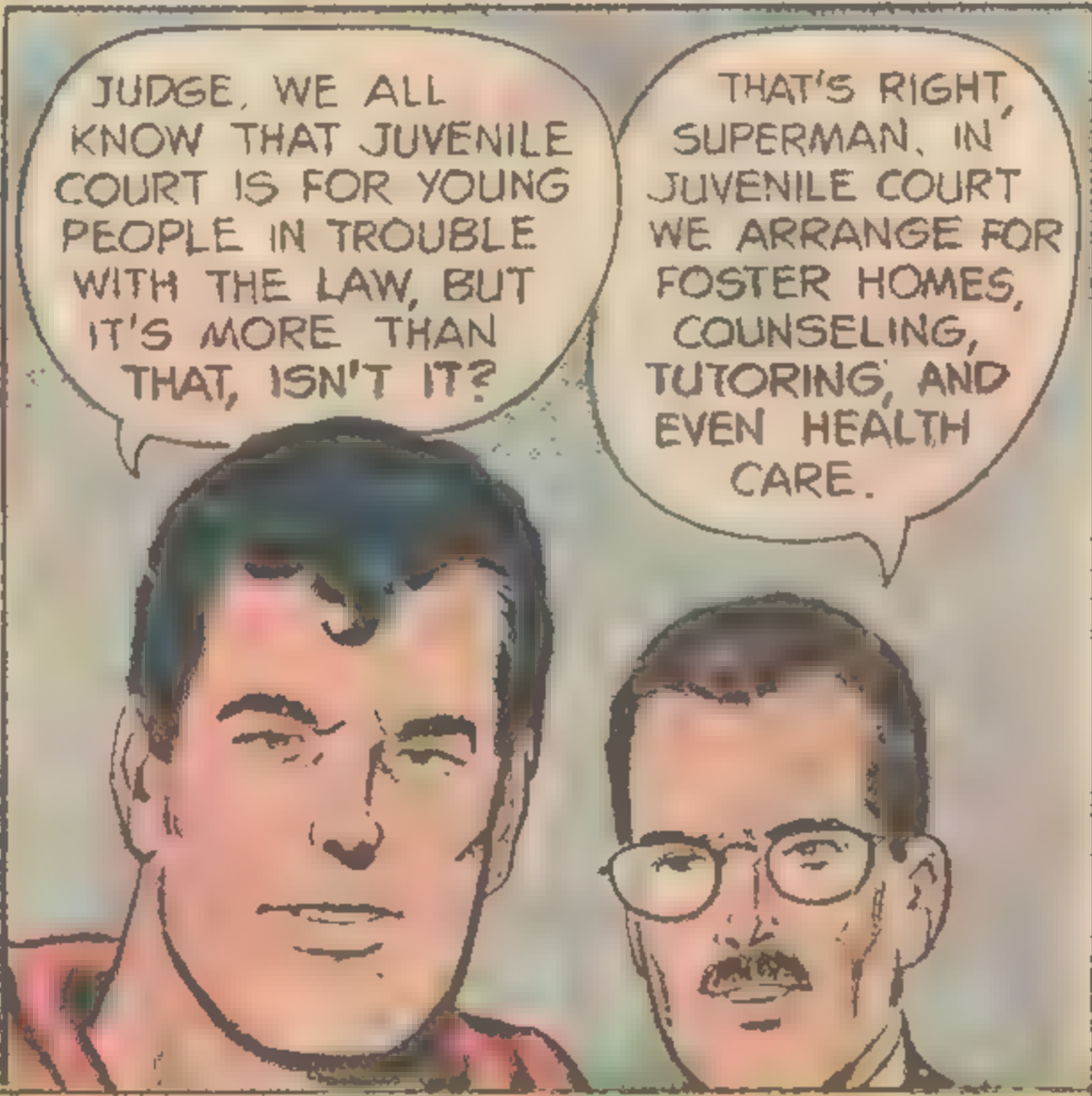
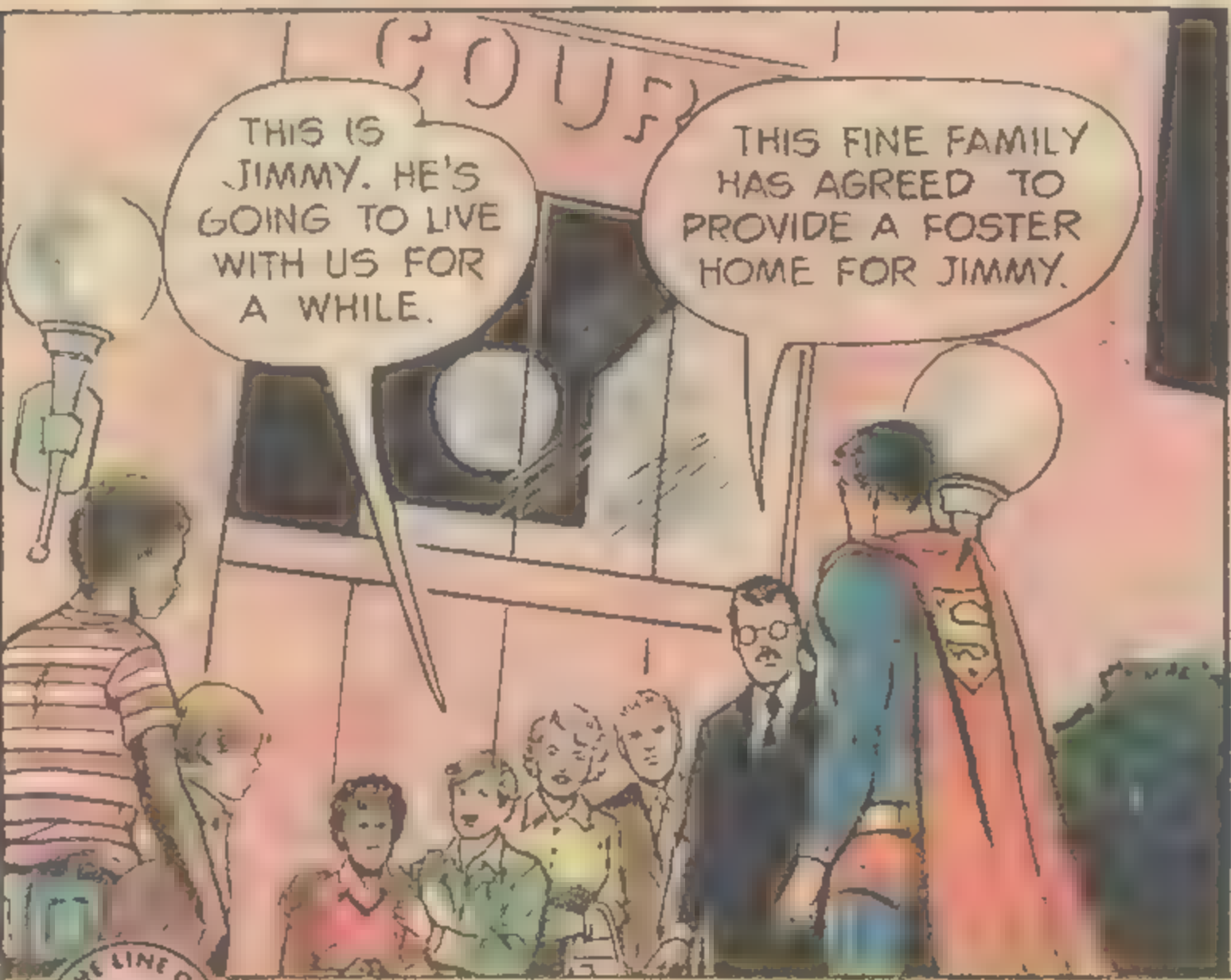
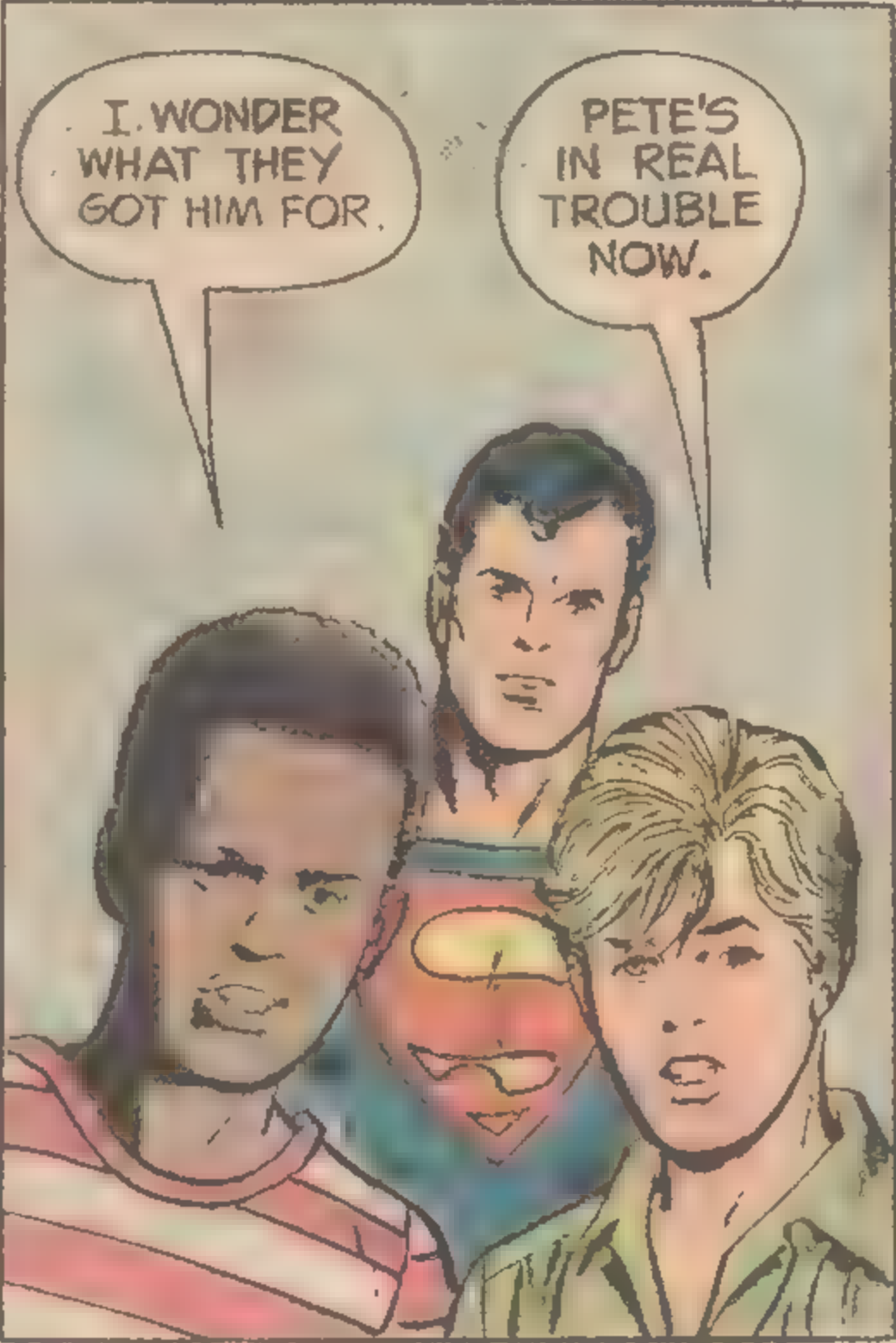
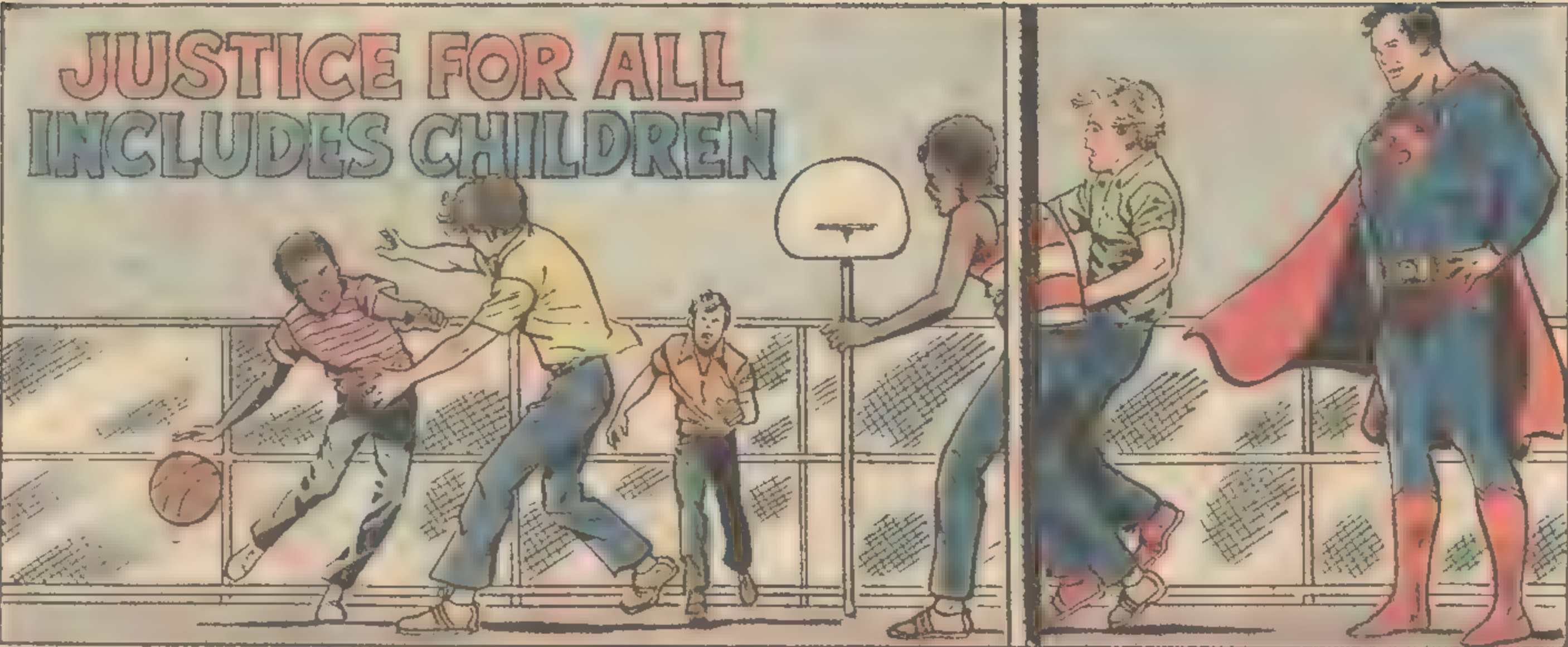
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YOU... YOU'LL BE KILLING THE WRONG MAN!



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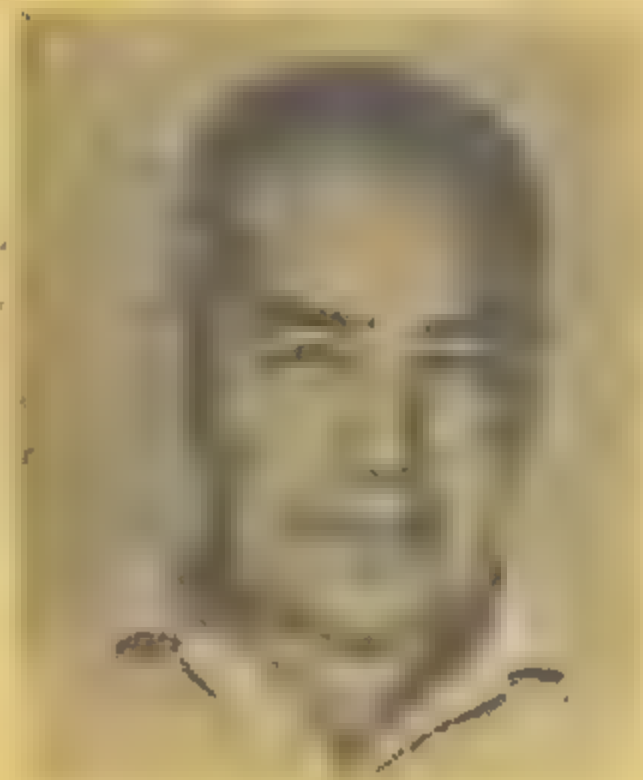


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"I managed to raise enough money with my savings to invest in a combination motel, restaurant, grocery, and service station. It didn't take long to get my eyes opened. In order to keep that business going my wife and I worked from dawn to dusk, 20 hours a day, seven days a week. Putting in all those hours didn't match my idea of independence and it gave me no time for my favorite sport—golf! Finally we both agreed that I should look for something else.

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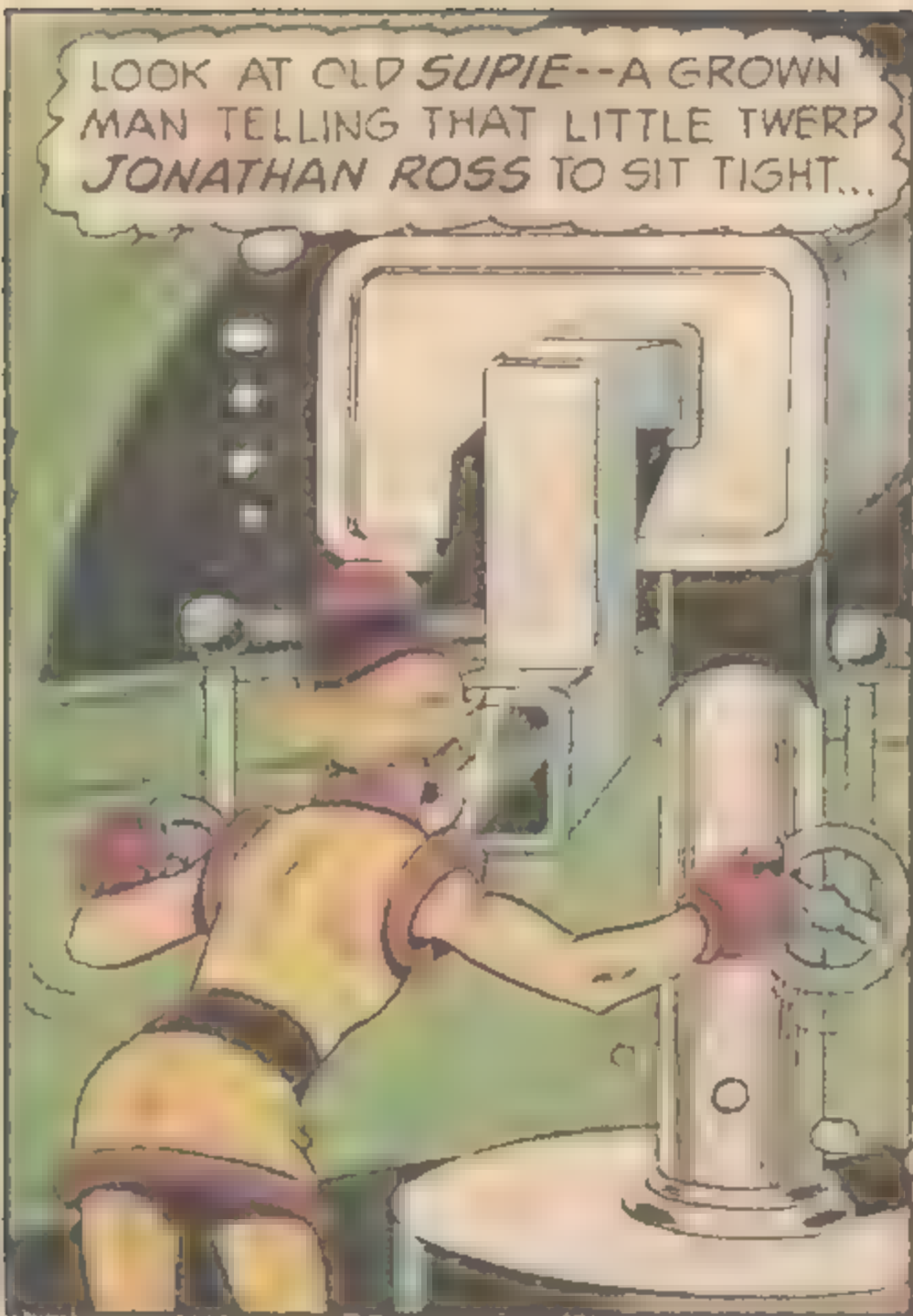
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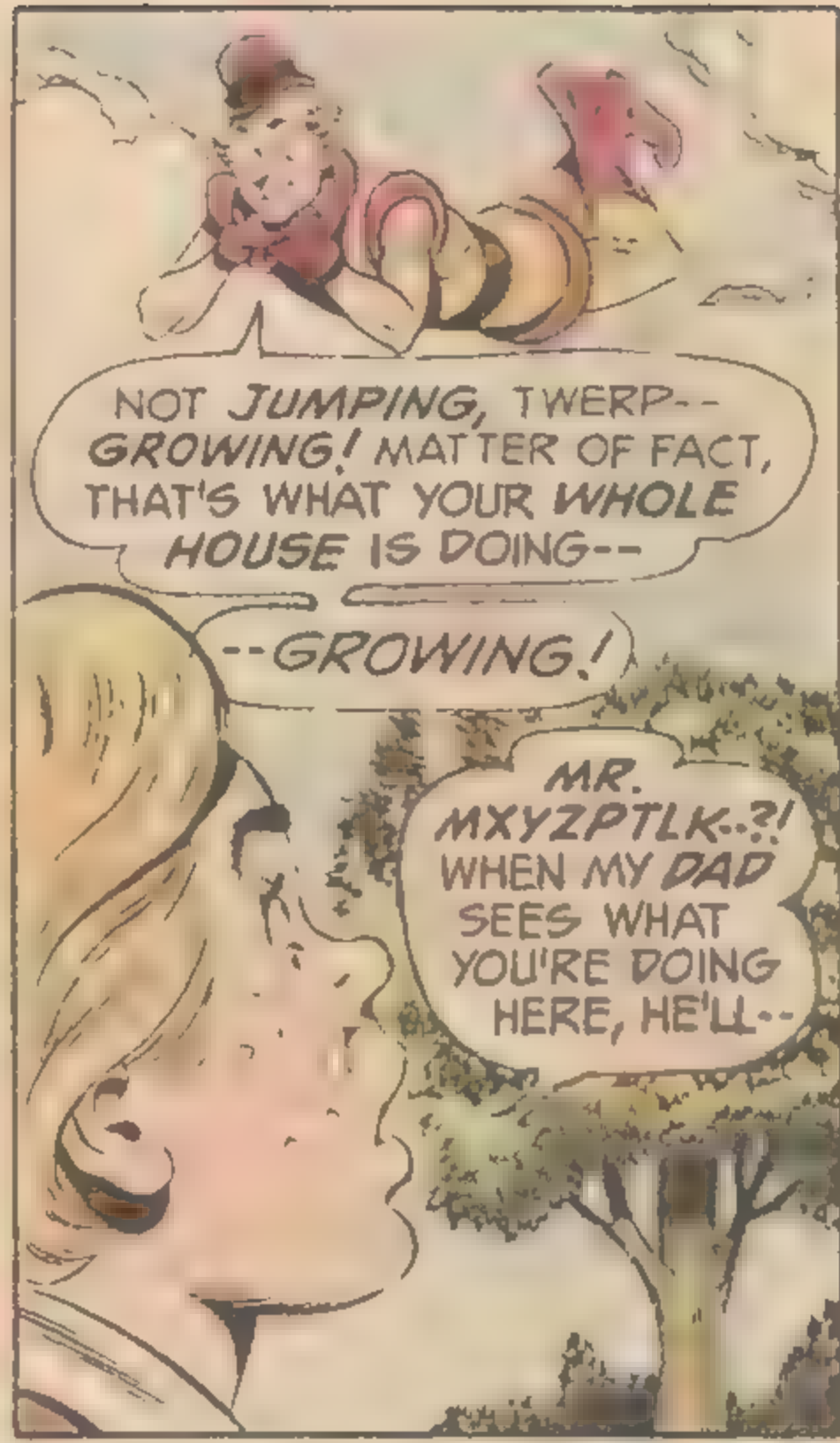
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--LIKE SO!

HEY!!
WHERE'D THE
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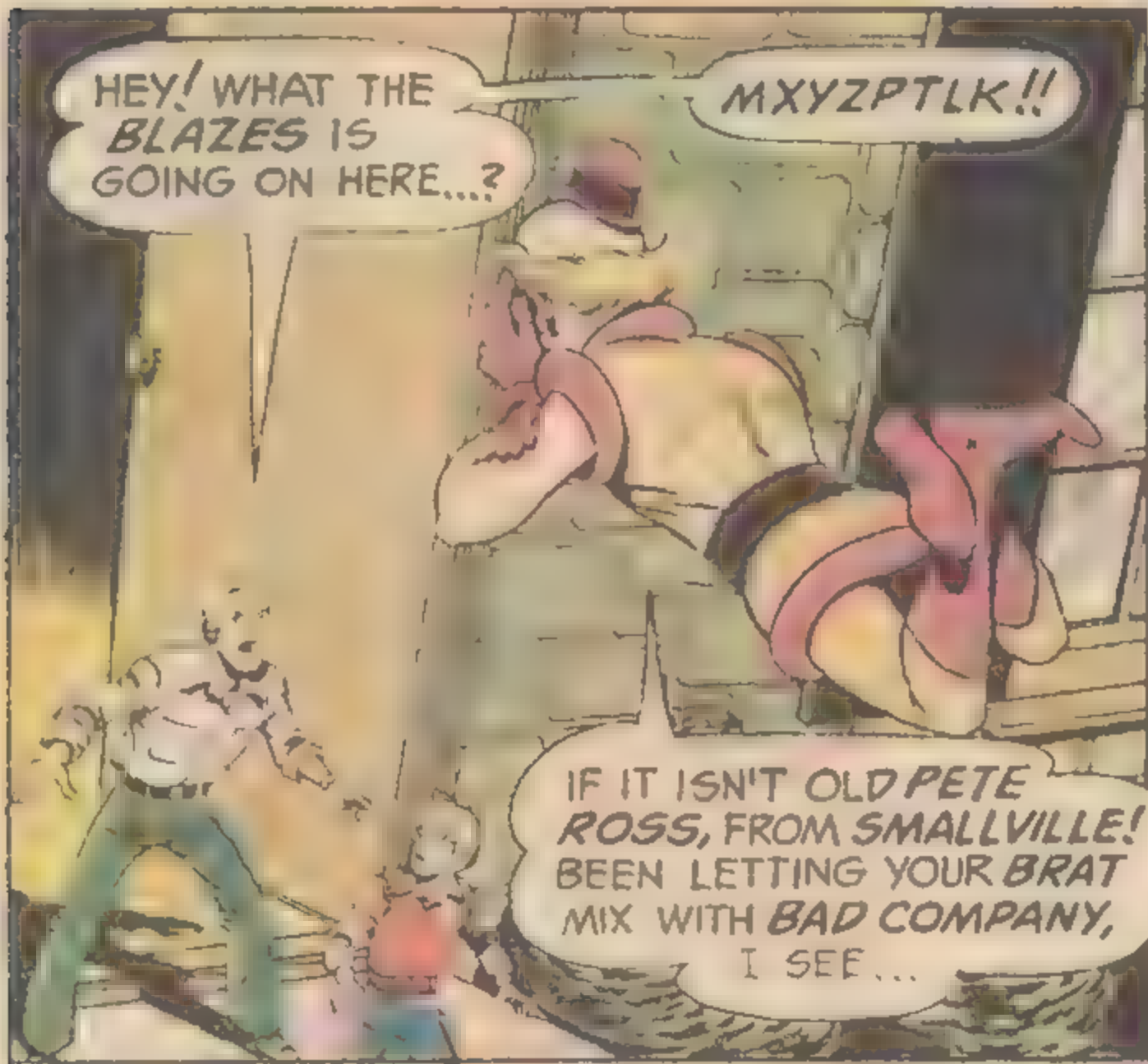
LOOKS LIKE
IT'S JUMPING
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NOT JUMPING, TWERP--
GROWING! MATTER OF FACT,
THAT'S WHAT YOUR *WHOLE*
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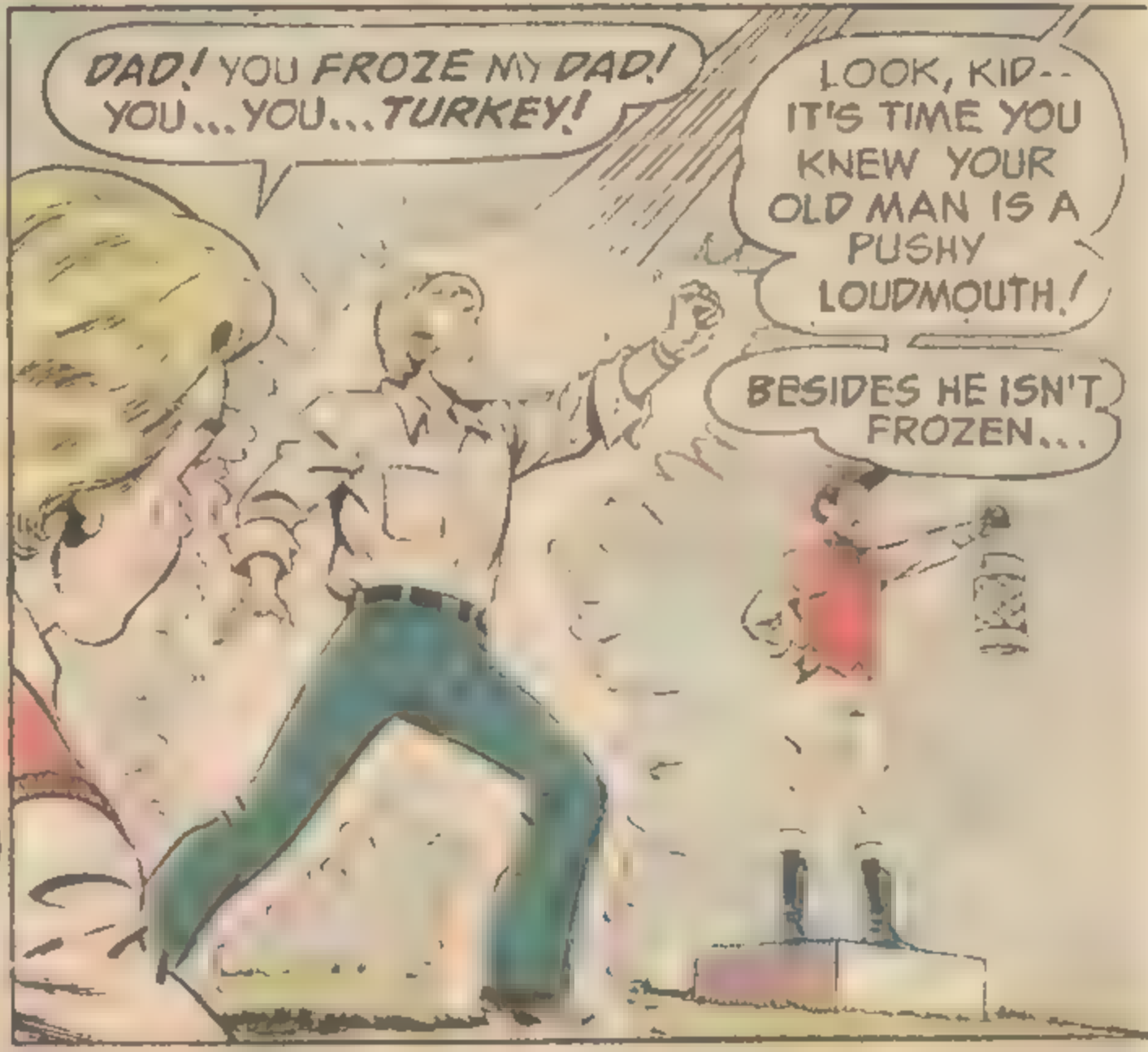
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WHEN MY DAD
SEES WHAT
YOU'RE DOING
HERE, HE'LL--



HEY! WHAT THE
BLAZES IS
GOING ON HERE....?

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IF IT ISN'T OLD **PETE**
ROSS, FROM **SMALLVILLE**!
BEEN LETTING YOUR BRAT
MIX WITH **BAD COMPANY**,
I SEE...



DAD! YOU FROZE MY DAD!
YOU...YOU...**TURKEY!**

LOOK, KID--
IT'S TIME YOU
KNEW YOUR
OLD MAN IS A
PUSHY
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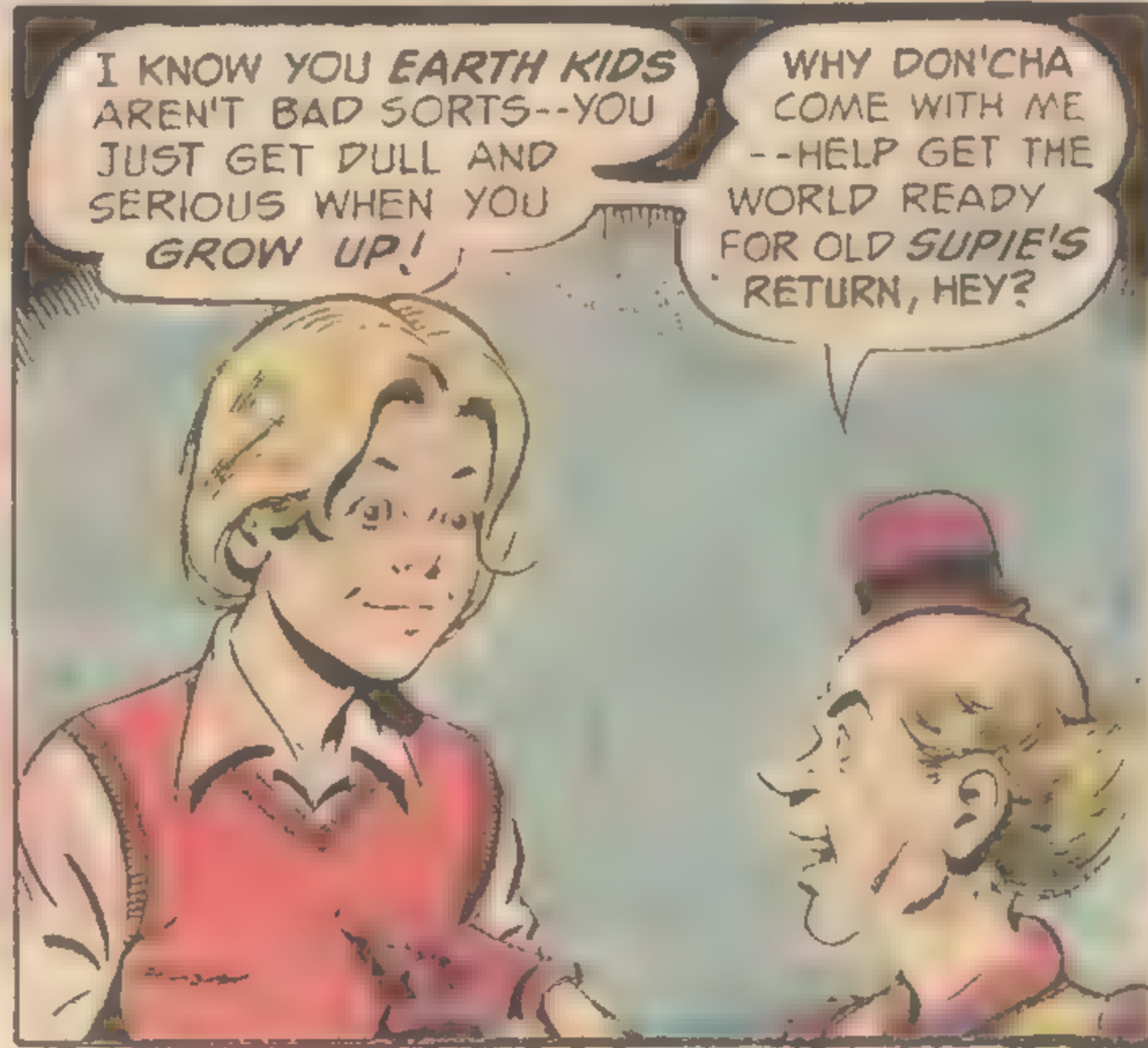
BESIDES HE ISN'T
FROZEN...



...HE'S JUST TURNED
AS SOLID AS THAT
LAWN STATUE!

THEY MAKE NICE
SALT-AND-PEPPER
SHAKERS, EH, WOT?

NOW LISTEN UP,
SQUIRT--!



I KNOW YOU **EARTH KIDS**
AREN'T BAD SORTS--YOU
JUST GET DULL AND
SERIOUS WHEN YOU
GROW UP!

WHY DON'CHA
COME WITH ME
--HELP GET THE
WORLD READY
FOR OLD **SUPIE'S**
RETURN, HEY?

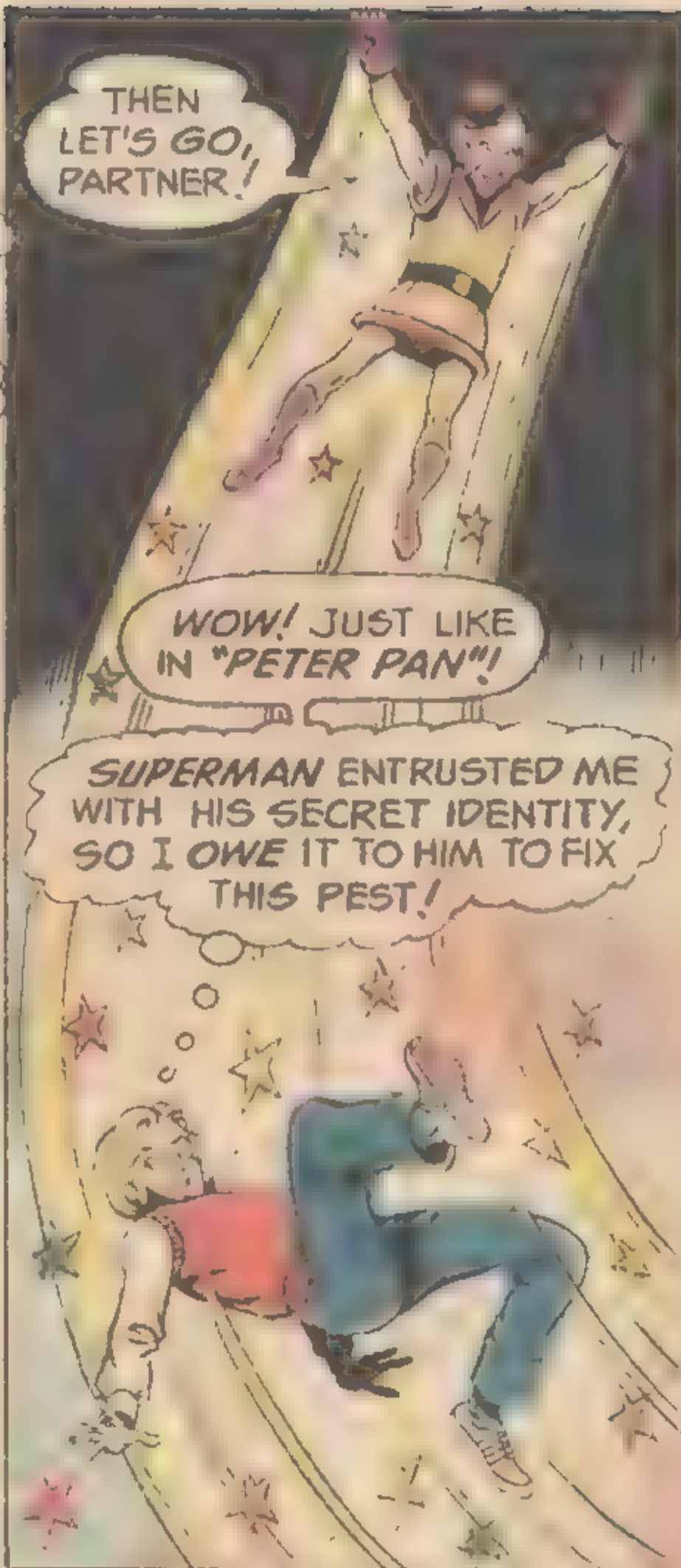
IF *SUPERMAN* WERE HERE, HE'D FOLLOW THIS CREEP AROUND UNTIL HE COULD FIGURE A WAY TO MAKE HIM SAY HIS NAME *BACKWARD*...

...AND MAGICALLY SEND HIMSELF HOME FOR AT LEAST 90 DAYS! *SUPERMAN'S* GONE, SO IT'S UP TO ME TO STAND IN FOR HIM! AND I NEED *WXYZPTLK'S* OWN HELP TO TAG ALONG!



A MAGIC SPREE--GEE-- THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

THEN LET'S GO, PARTNER!



WOW! JUST LIKE IN "*PETER PAN*"!

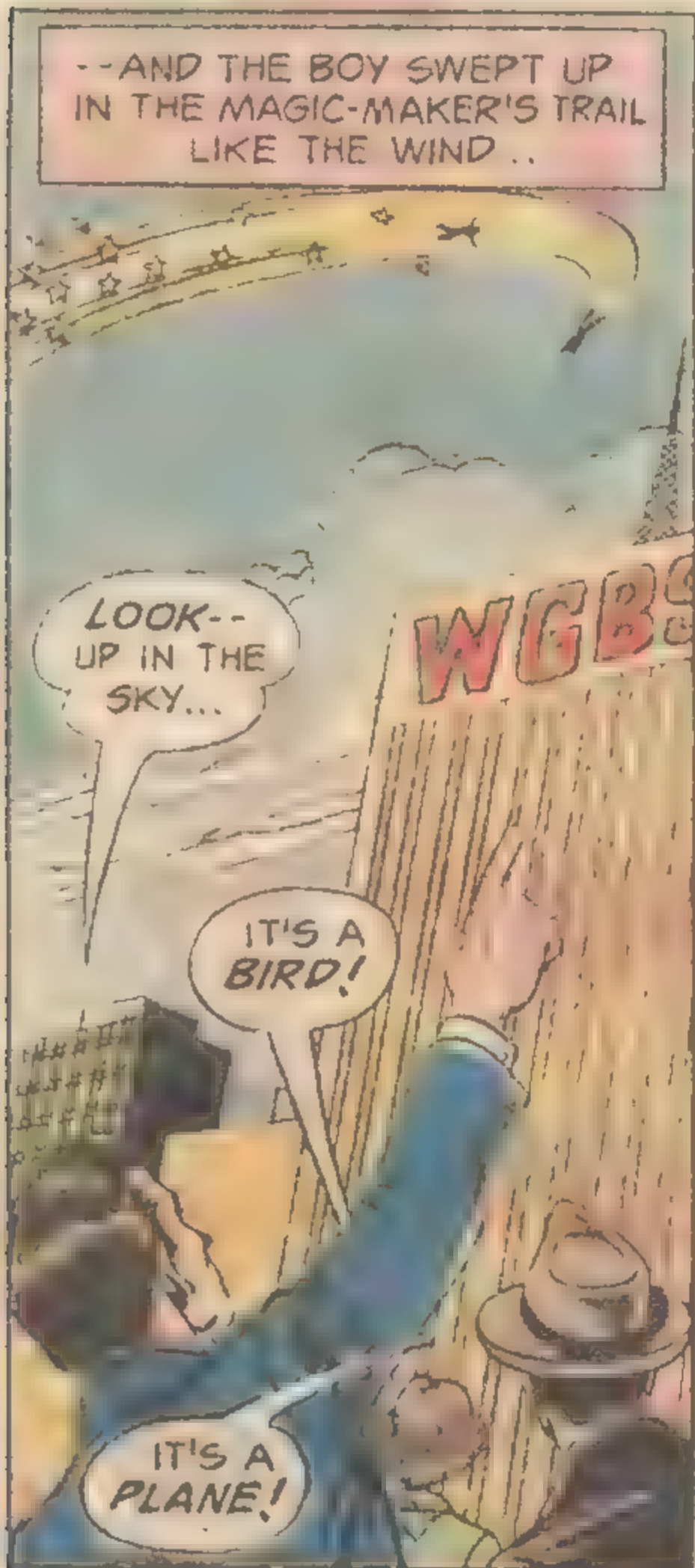
SUPERMAN ENTRUSTED ME WITH HIS SECRET IDENTITY, SO I OWE IT TO HIM TO FIX THIS PEST!

UP, AWAY FROM THE SUBURBS, OUT OVER THE MAGNIFICENT CITY OF *METROPOLIS* THEY SOAR...



...THE MAD IMP RIDING THE UNKNOWNABLE POWER WE CALL *MAGIC*--

--AND THE BOY SWEEPED UP IN THE MAGIC-MAKER'S TRAIL LIKE THE WIND...



LOOK-- UP IN THE SKY...

IT'S A BIRD!

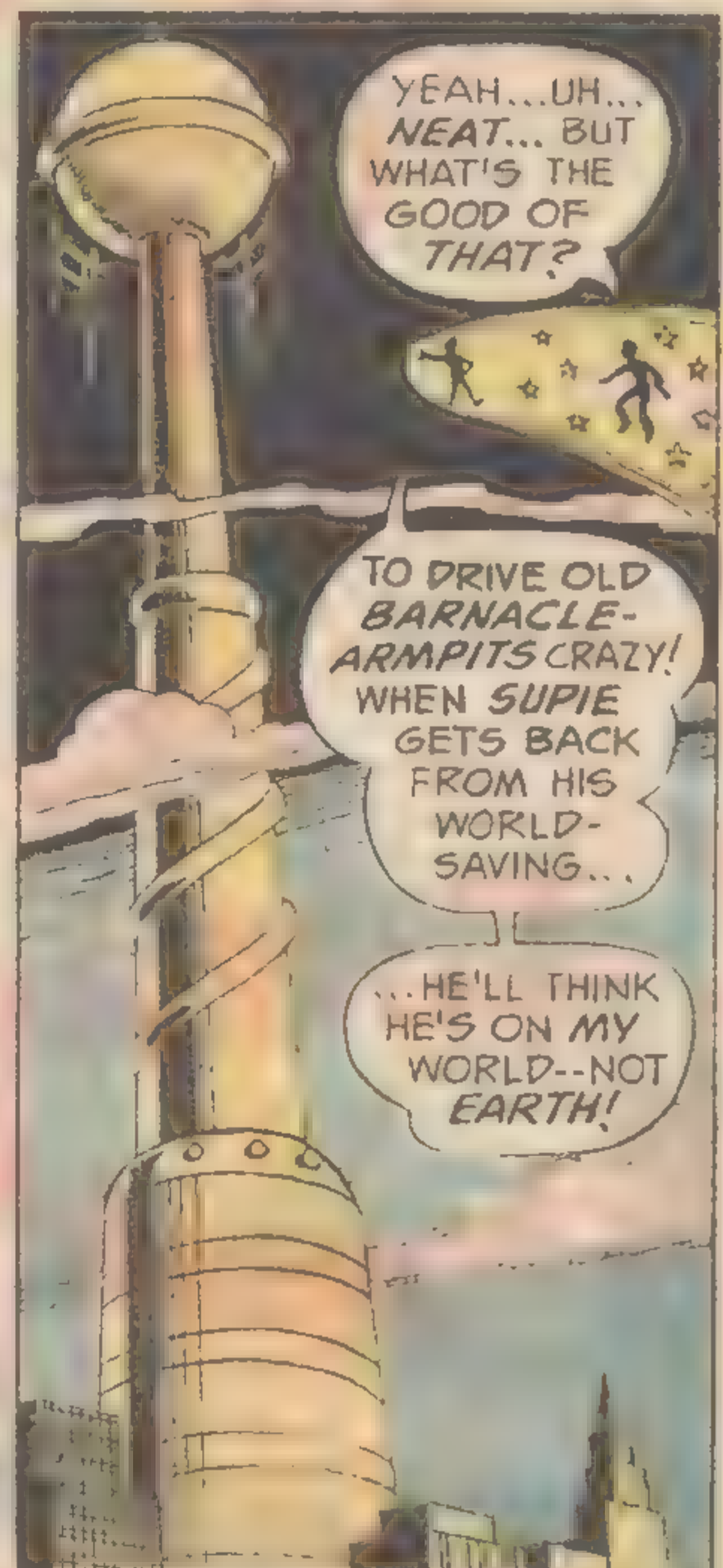
IT'S A PLANE!



IT'S...IT'S A CALAMITY!

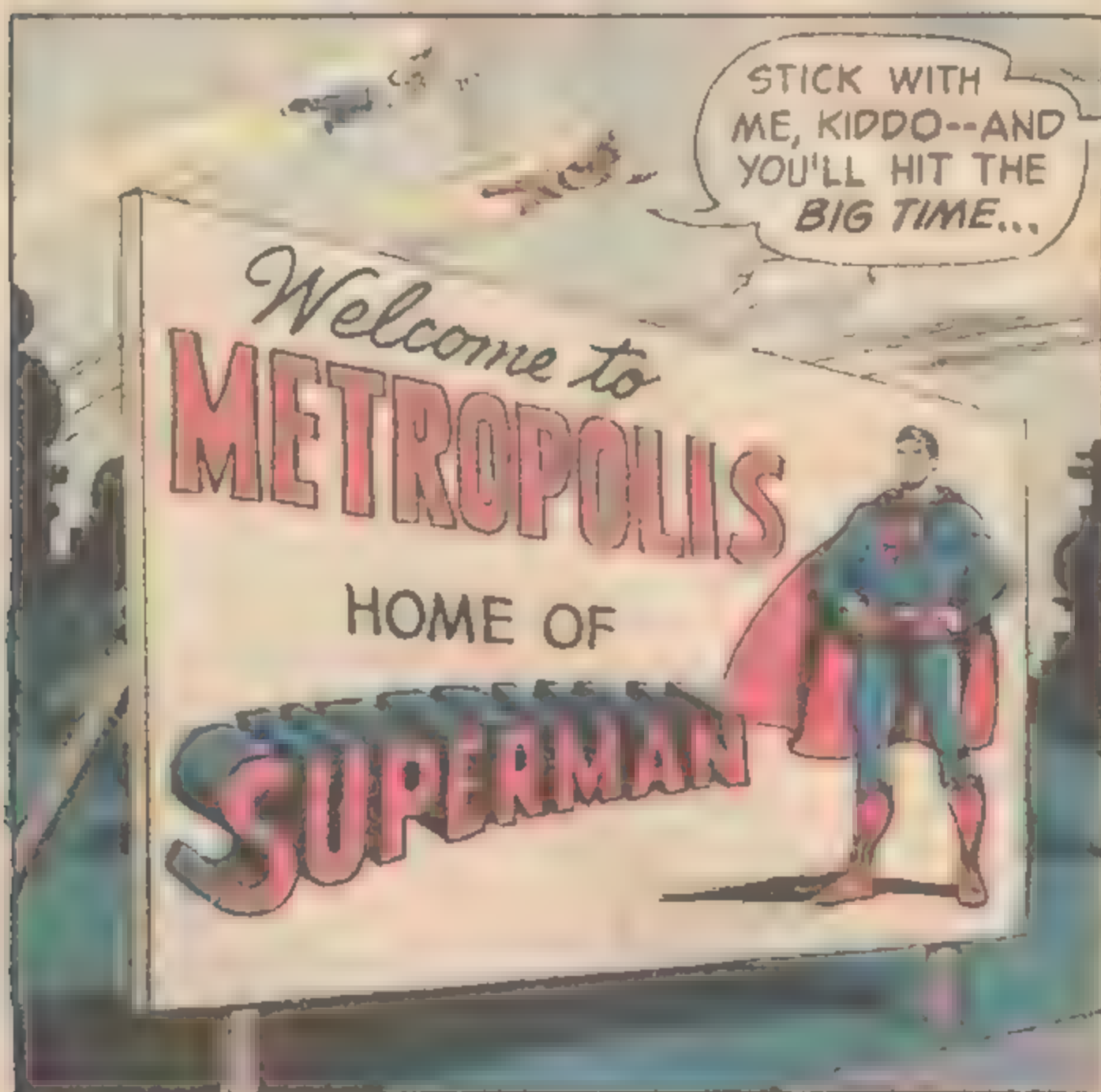
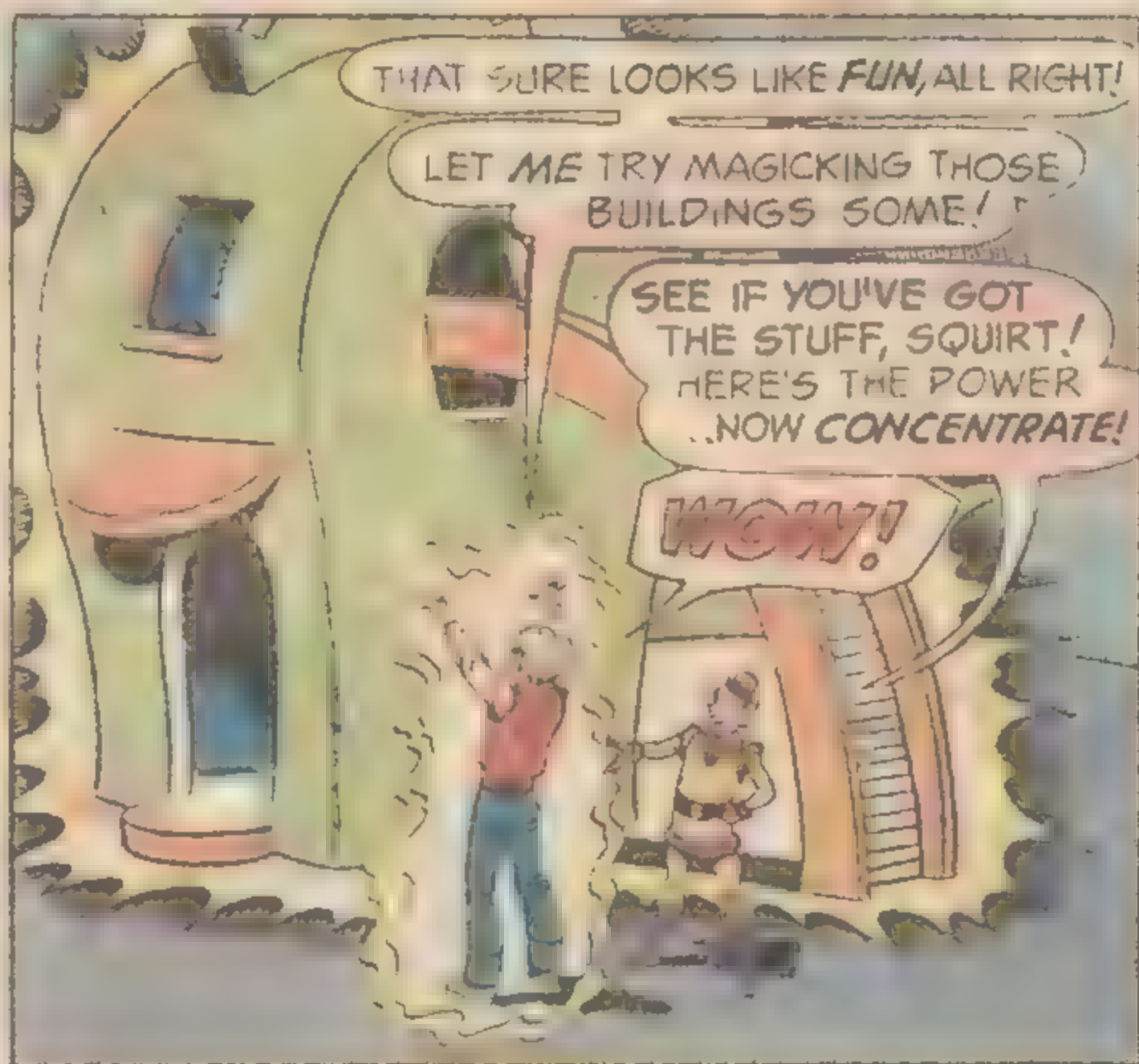
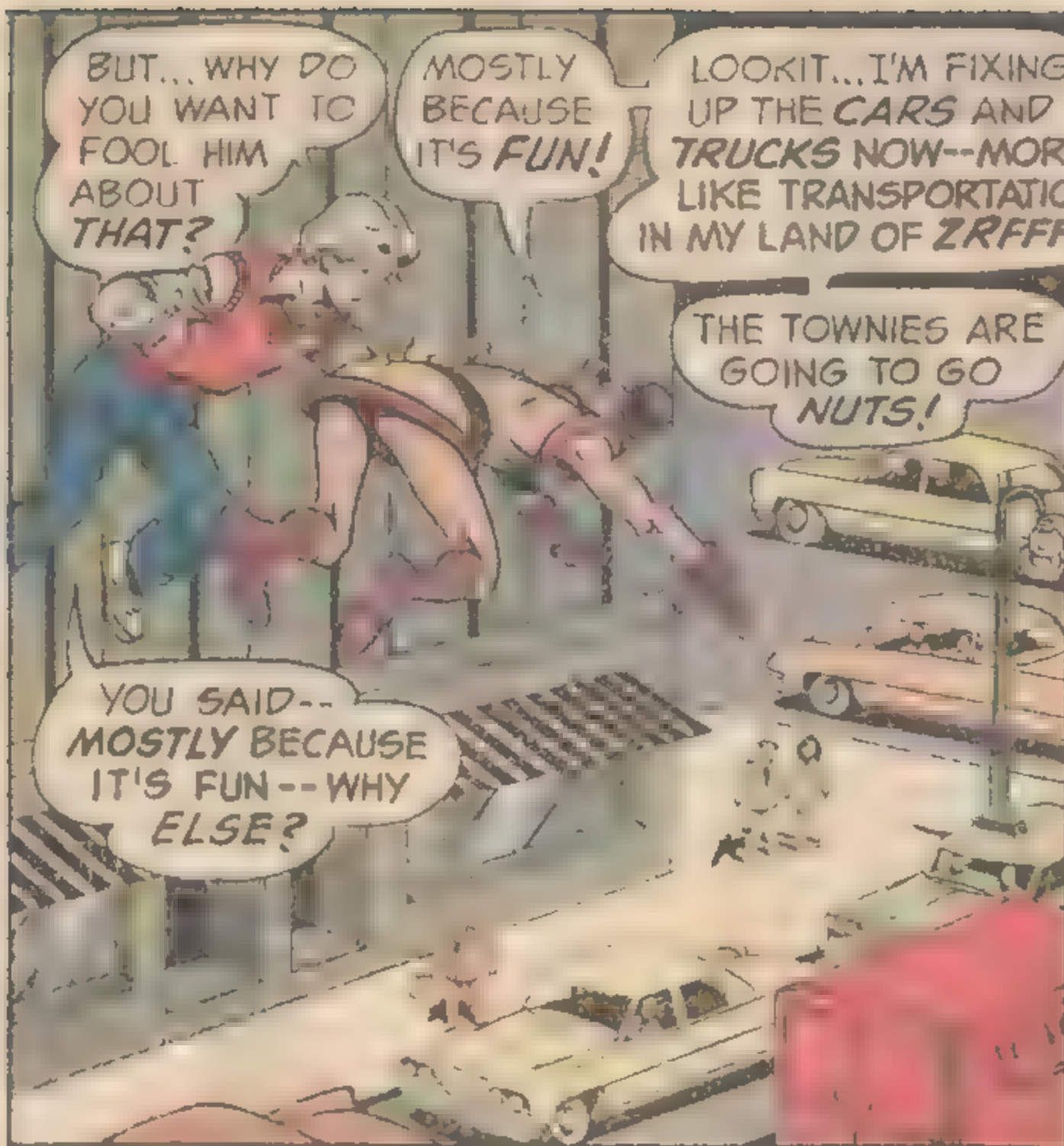
TURNING THE MIGHTY *GALAXY* BUILDING INTO A FIFTH-DIMENSIONAL EDIFICE! NEAT, HUH, KID?

YEAH...UH... NEAT... BUT WHAT'S THE GOOD OF THAT?



TO DRIVE OLD *BARNACLE-ARMPITS* CRAZY! WHEN *SUPIE* GETS BACK FROM HIS WORLD-SAVING...

...HE'LL THINK HE'S ON MY WORLD--NOT EARTH!

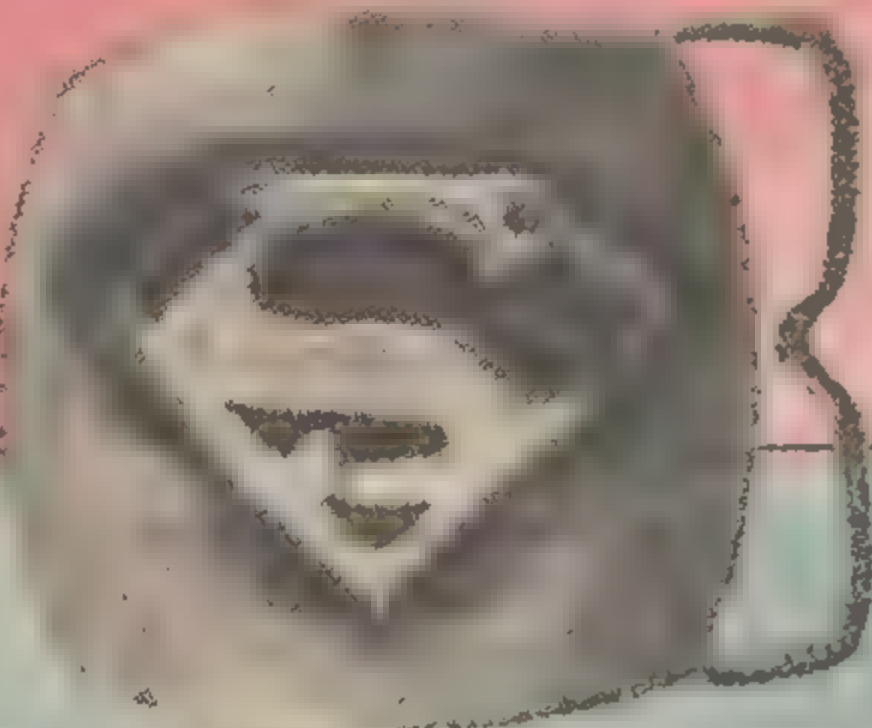




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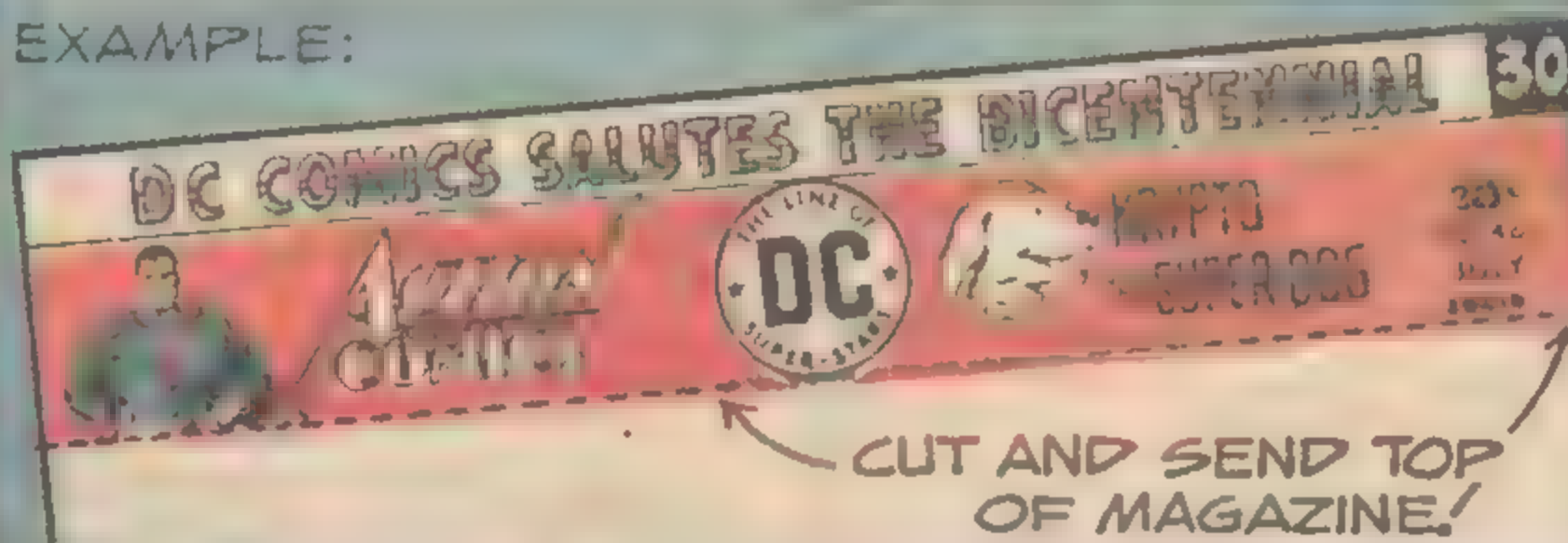
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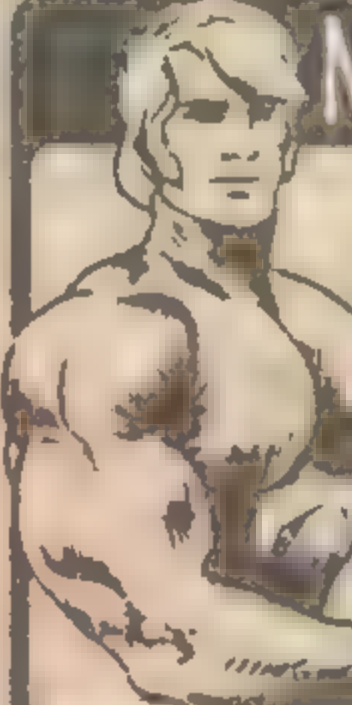
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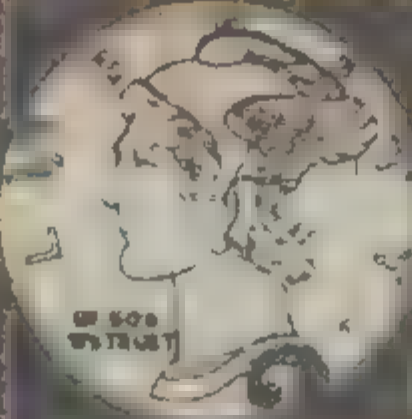
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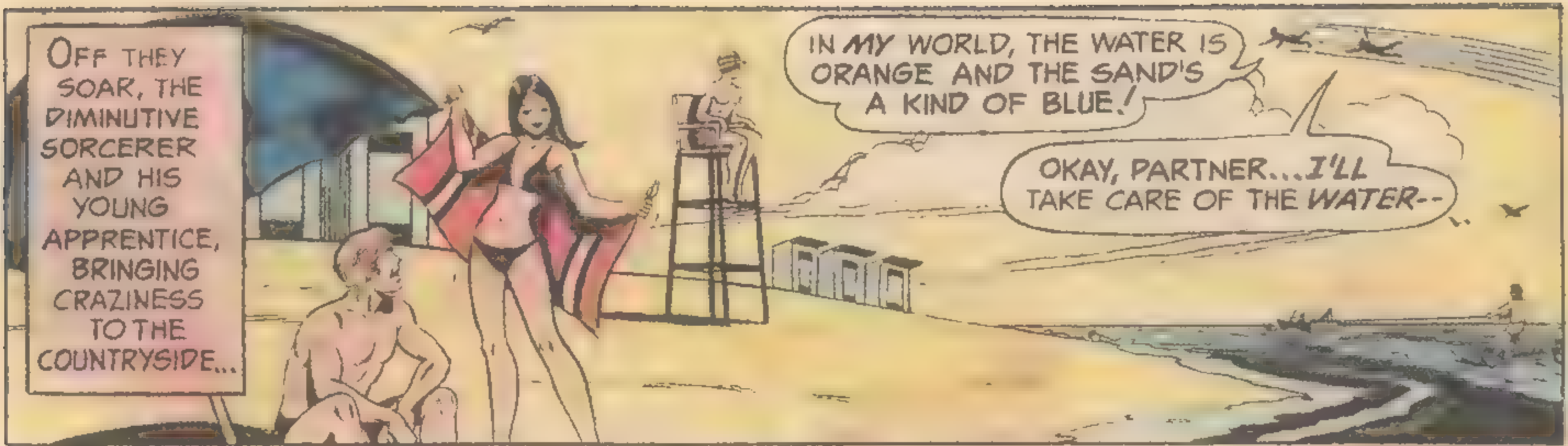
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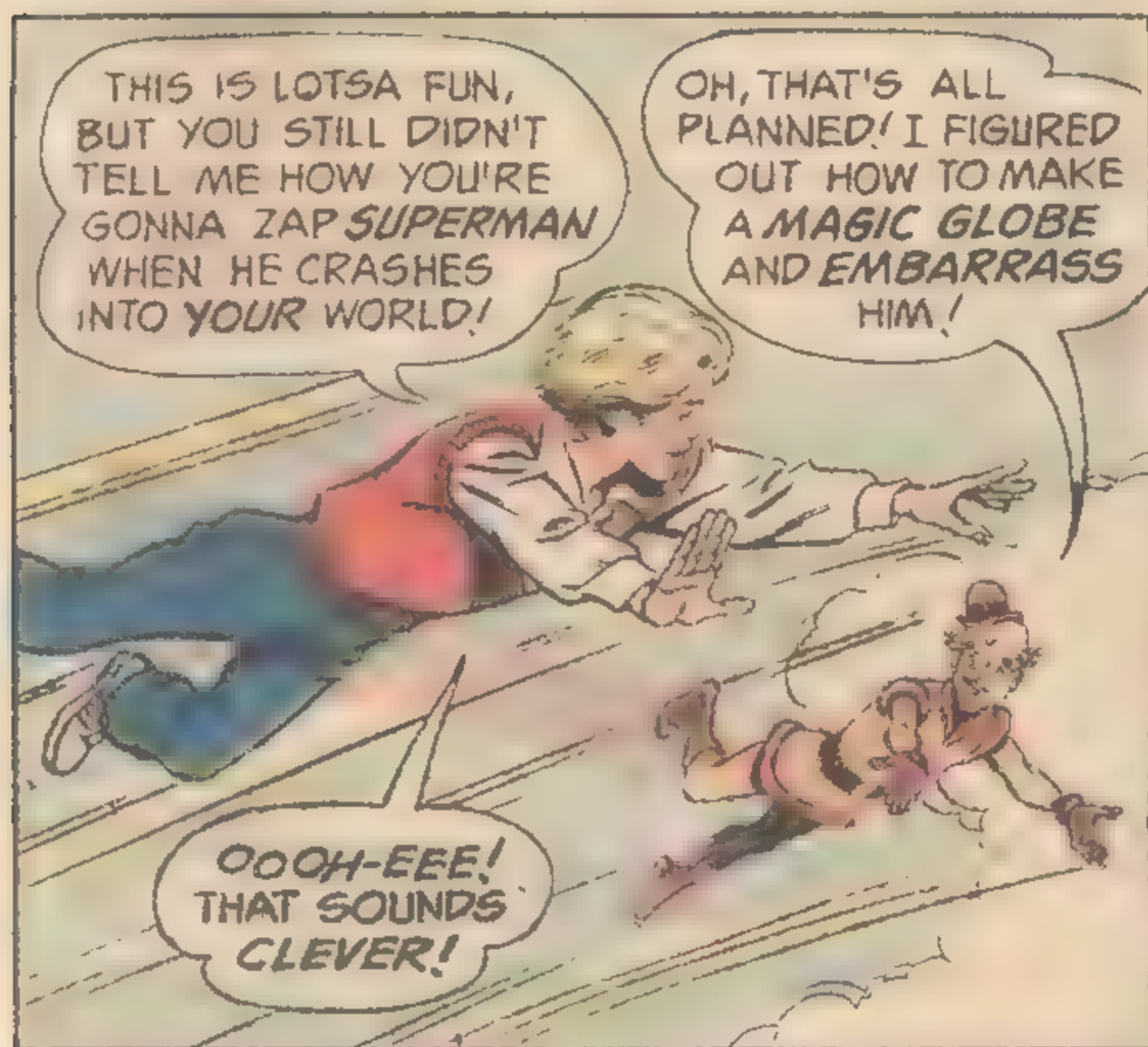
IN MY WORLD, THE WATER IS ORANGE AND THE SAND'S A KIND OF BLUE!

OKAY, PARTNER... I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE WATER--



--AND I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE BEACH!

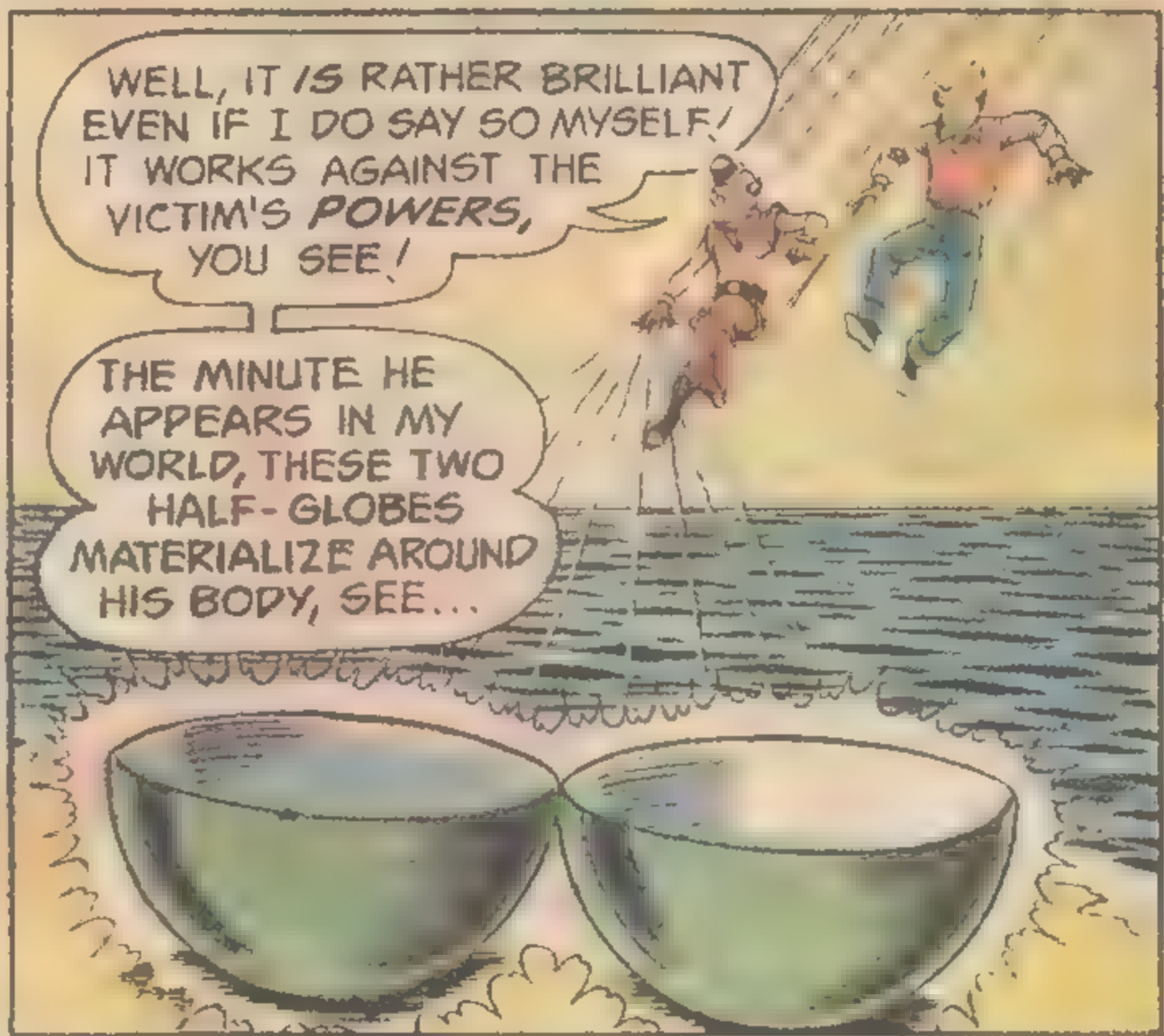
HURRY UP, KID--WE'VE GOT THE WHOLE PLANET TO MESS UP BEFORE OLD MUSCLES-AND-GUTS GETS BACK FROM SPACE!



THIS IS LOTSA FUN, BUT YOU STILL DIDN'T TELL ME HOW YOU'RE GONNA ZAP SUPERMAN WHEN HE CRASHES INTO YOUR WORLD!

OH, THAT'S ALL PLANNED! I FIGURED OUT HOW TO MAKE A MAGIC GLOBE AND EMBARRASS HIM!

OOH-EEE! THAT SOUNDS CLEVER!



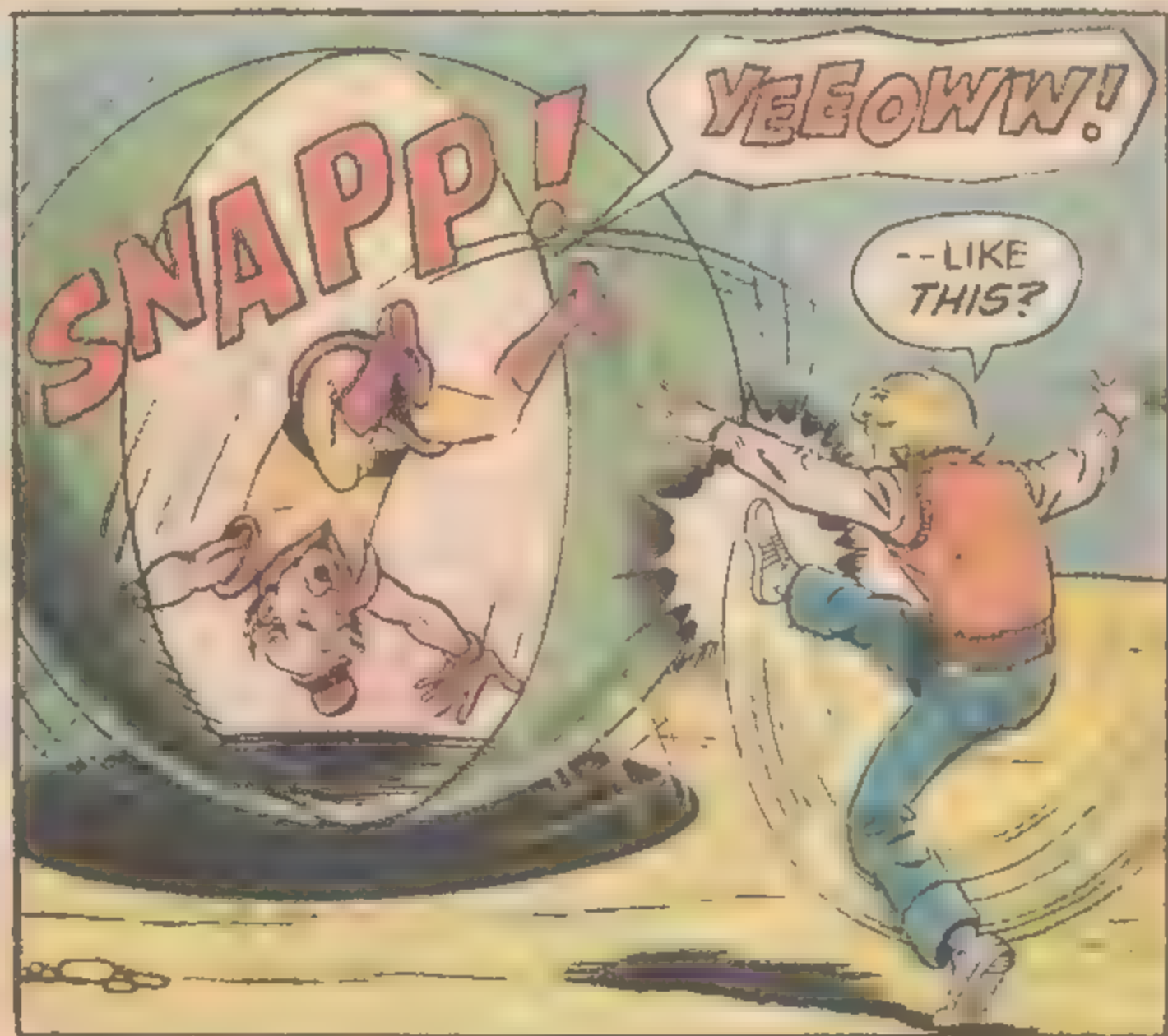
WELL, IT IS RATHER BRILLIANT EVEN IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF! IT WORKS AGAINST THE VICTIM'S POWERS, YOU SEE!

THE MINUTE HE APPEARS IN MY WORLD, THESE TWO HALF-GLOBES MATERIALIZE AROUND HIS BODY, SEE...



...SO THE ONLY WAY HE CAN ESCAPE IS TO SAY HIS OWN KRYPTONIAN NAME BACKWARDS--

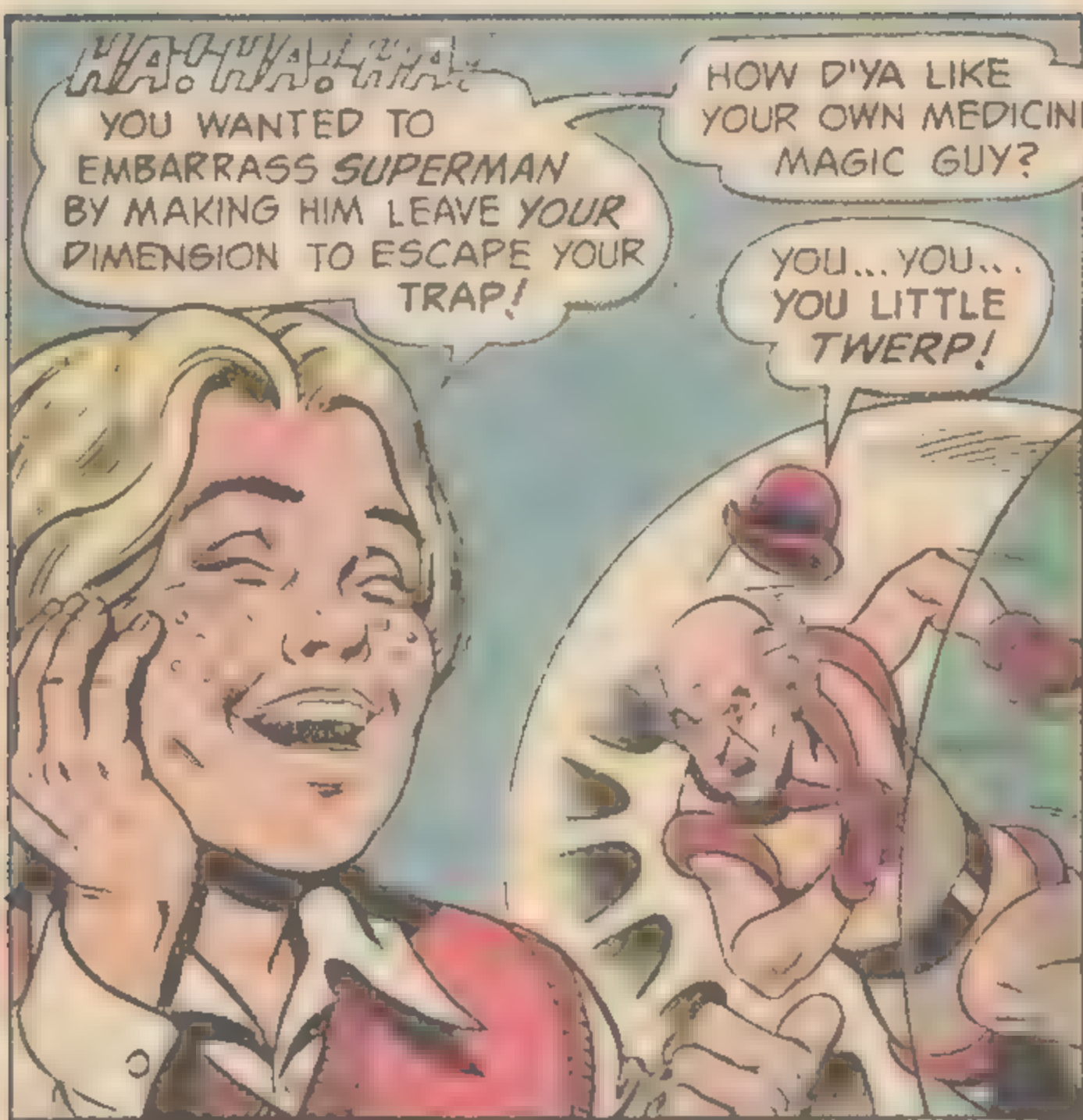
--AND SEND HIMSELF HOME AS EMBARRASSINGLY AS HE MAKES ME DO EVERY TIME--



SNAPP!

YEEOWW!

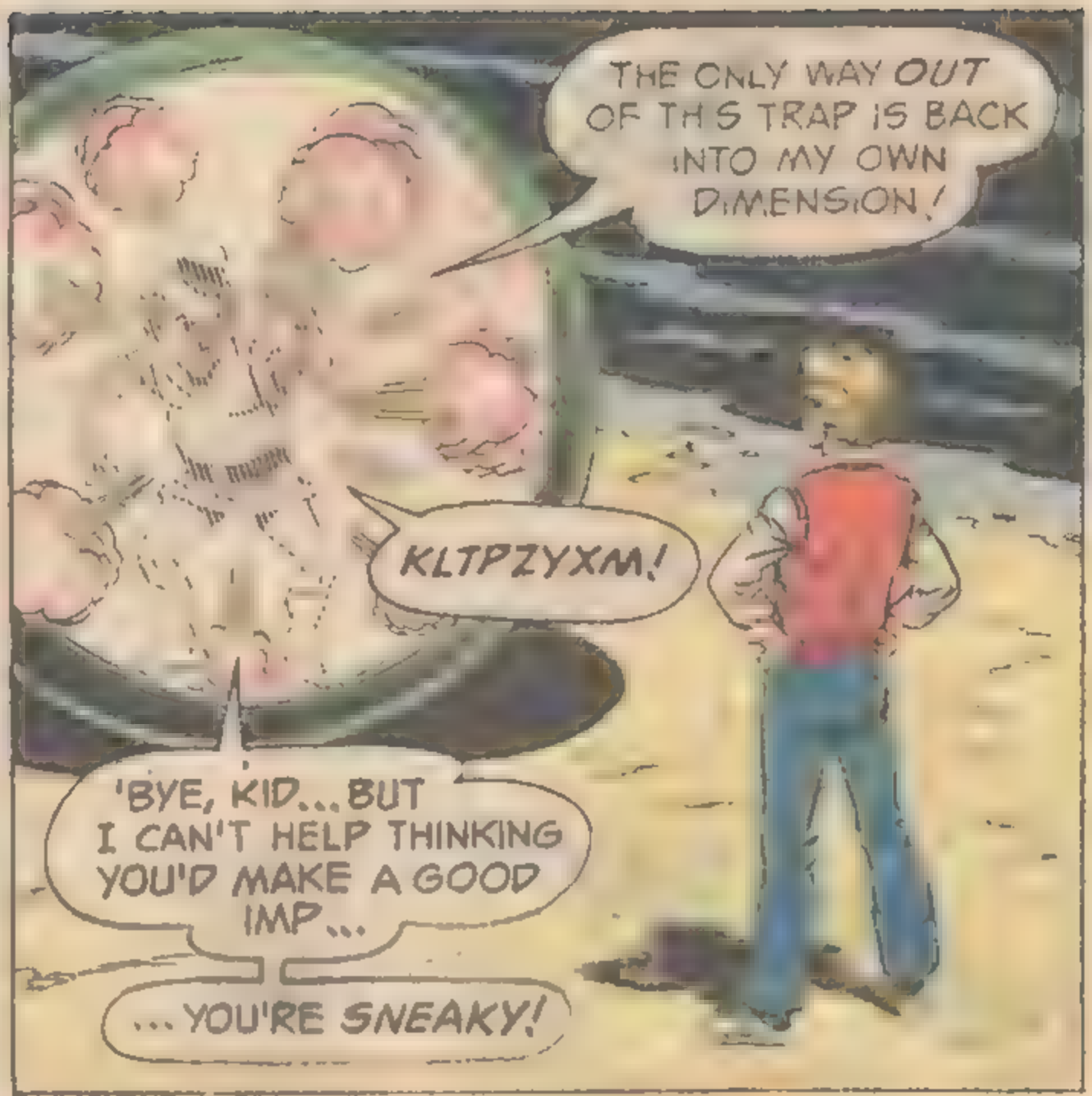
--LIKE THIS?



YOU WANTED TO EMBARRASS SUPERMAN BY MAKING HIM LEAVE YOUR DIMENSION TO ESCAPE YOUR TRAP!

HOW D'YA LIKE YOUR OWN MEDICINE, MAGIC GUY?

YOU... YOU... YOU LITTLE TWERP!



THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THIS TRAP IS BACK INTO MY OWN DIMENSION!

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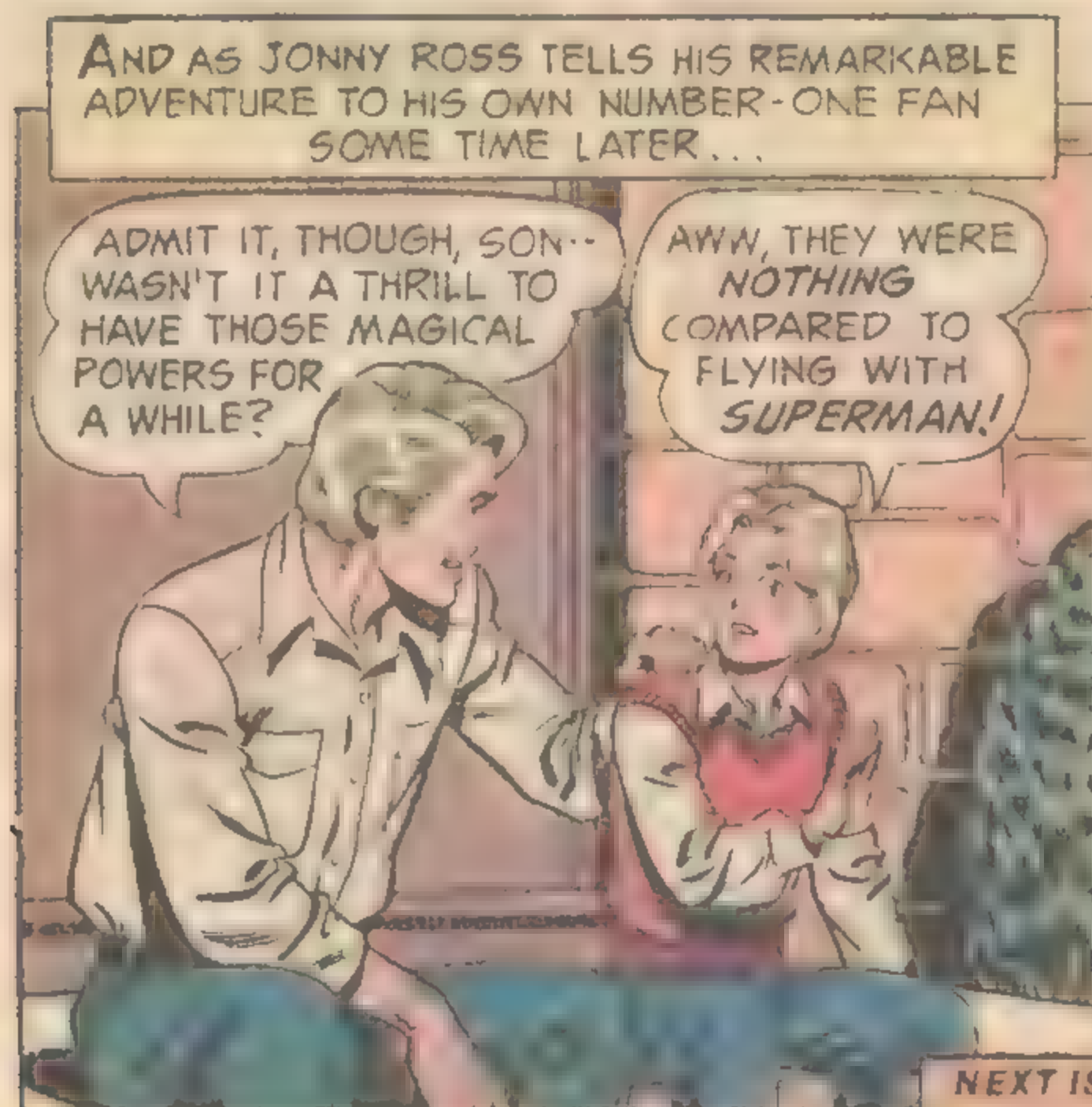
'BYE, KID... BUT I CAN'T HELP THINKING YOU'D MAKE A GOOD IMP...

...YOU'RE SNEAKY!



ACROSS THE MILES THAT THE BOY AND THE IMP TRAVELED THESE PAST HOURS, THE EFFECTS OF MAGIC VANISH!...

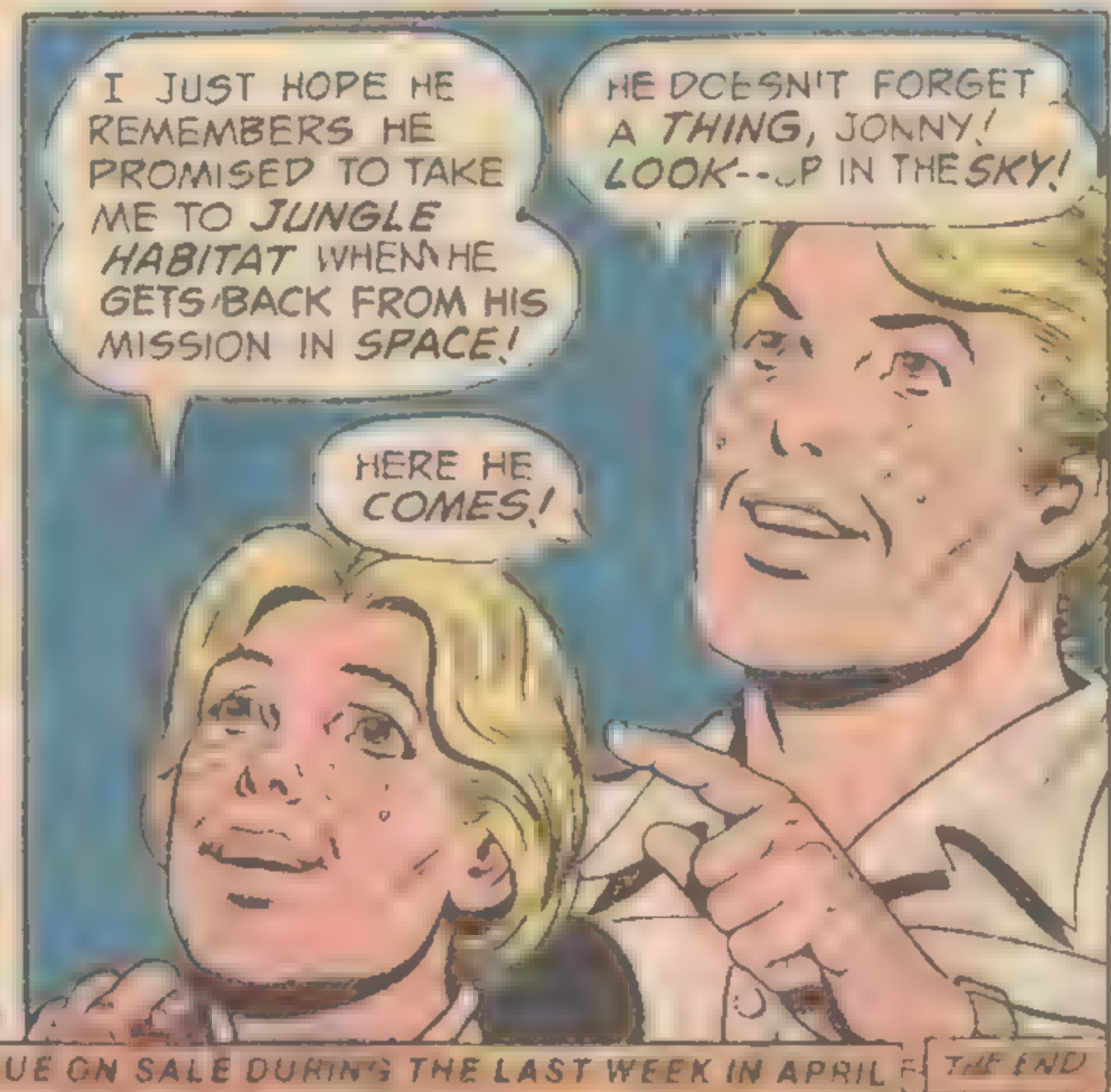
PETE ROSS--YOUR HOUSE IS BACK TO NORMAL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



AND AS JONNY ROSS TELLS HIS REMARKABLE ADVENTURE TO HIS OWN NUMBER-ONE FAN SOME TIME LATER...

ADMIT IT, THOUGH, SON-- WASN'T IT A THRILL TO HAVE THOSE MAGICAL POWERS FOR A WHILE?

AWW, THEY WERE NOTHING COMPARED TO FLYING WITH SUPERMAN!



I JUST HOPE HE REMEMBERS HE PROMISED TO TAKE ME TO JUNGLE HABITAT WHEN HE GETS BACK FROM HIS MISSION IN SPACE!

HE DOESN'T FORGET A THING, JONNY! LOOK--UP IN THE SKY!

HERE HE COMES!



Dear Nelson:

I, for one, didn't think you could do it. After looking at the cover of *Action* #456, "Jaws of the Killer Shark," I didn't think you could come up with a story that had something directly to do with that cover scene of an ordinary shark grasping the Great One's indestructible cape in rows of big, white teeth.

Reading Cary Bates' story, I was happy to see Green Lantern's old foe, The Shark, used to such good effect against Superman. Someone is on his toes concerning DC trivia and continuity, and if Cary didn't think of reviving The Shark at a time of nation-wide interest in the beast, I suspect you, Nelson, DC fact expert #1.

By the twelfth page of the thirteen in this story, I was confident that the cover was merely a sensational device used to cash in on the popularity of a recent movie. But no, you did it, you did it! There, in the next-to-the-last panel of the story, was almost the exact scene from the cover. Now I can't complain.

Fred Schneider, New York, N.Y.

(Wish I could claim credit for suggesting the idea of reviving THE SHARK, but that honor goes to Len Wein, former DC writer, who, though now a Marvelite, remains a good friend of ours.—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

"Jaws of the Killer Shark" was a lot of fun to read. This story really typifies the ideal tales that should exist in *Action*, because it can be enjoyed on many levels. The first is that of an action thriller, with Supes using almost every one of his powers and winning due to his superwits (gasp!).

Another level is concerned with the parallels of the story with the *Jaws* film: the initial "death" of the child Jayson; Captain Strong, the comic equivalent of Quint; Lois' mounting terror; and our hero's solitary battle in the foe's own back yard.

This blend of intelligence and excitement is what puts *Action* and DC above the others.

Kurt Fowler, Jacksonville, Fla.

(Samson slew his enemies with the jawbone of an ass. SUPERMAN has shown he can "slay" readers with the jaws of a shark!—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

If there is one thing I abhor in comics, it's riding along with the current fad. Now it happens to be sharks of all sizes, shapes and colors (as if you

didn't know), inspired by the movie *Jaws*. Your esteemed competition has been pitting super-hero after super-hero against sharks! I waited in dread for the day DC did it.

Now it seems my fears were unfounded. You took the number one super-hero in comicdom and put him against, not a normal, hungry shark, but a previously established shark-man! For this much, at least, I thank you.

But now the bad news. Why did you have to throw in salty, old Captain Quint . . . er, Strong? He played no major part other than as a point of reference. Maybe if you had left him out, it wouldn't have seemed like a review of *Jaws*. I half expected the Mayor of Metropolis to refuse to close the city!

Credit-where-it-is-due dept. These previous years and nays are the pride and/or fault of author Cary Bates. Happily, the good far outweighs the bad. Also, Swan and Blaisdell go together like Infantino and Anderson.

I'm going to reserve judgment on the current Green Arrow-Black Canary serial until a future issue. It looks good, but try to refrain from any more name-dropping for a while. I regard GA/BC as one of the upper-class back features in comics today. Don't degrade it to the extent of silliness. Please!

Mike White, Mackinaw, Ill.

(We hope the remaining parts of the story eased your mind on this score—E.N.B.)

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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

As the world is swept up in the new wave called "Jawsmania," it was only a matter of time till Superman got caught up in it, too.

Mr. Bates' fishy tale had but one flaw. It never explained how The Shark accomplished his amazing feat of evolution and devolution. Oh, sure, you said he "extracted the human evolving factor from Jayson, enabling him to advance himself millions of years into super-shark form—causing poor Jayson to devolve into basic protoplasm." But how did he do it? Did he retain his super-shark brain after Green Lantern devolved him? If so, why did he wait so long to return to his accelerated state?

Michael D. Dargay, Royal Oak, Mich.

(The last time, THE SHARK wasn't pitted against GL at all, but against THE FLASH, in a JUSTICE LEAGUE story. A machine temporarily changed all the villains on Earth to good guys—and THE SHARK willed himself back to his original state, with his mental powers dormant. In time, his mind revived—and then he struck!—E. NELSON BRIDWELL)

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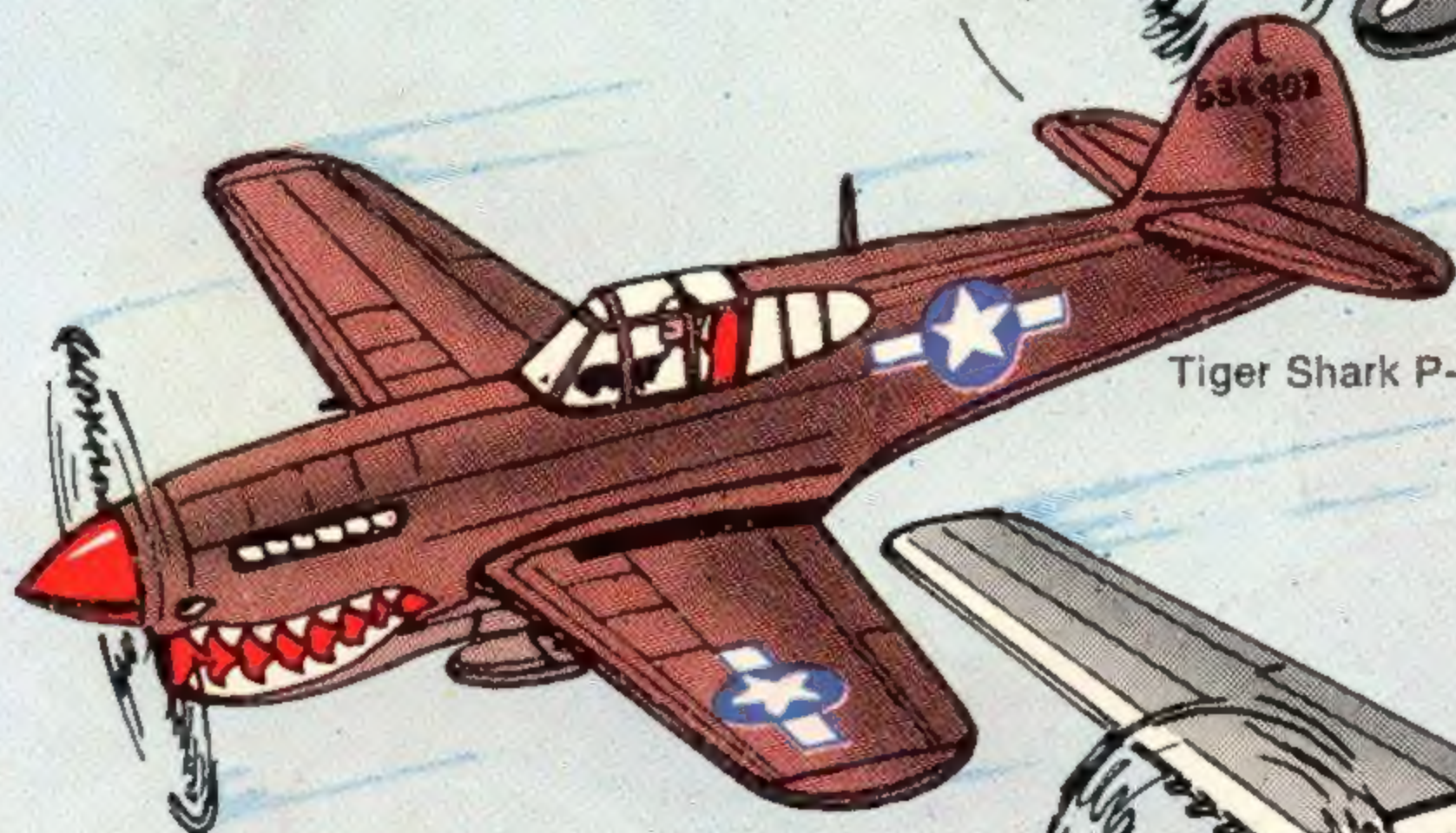
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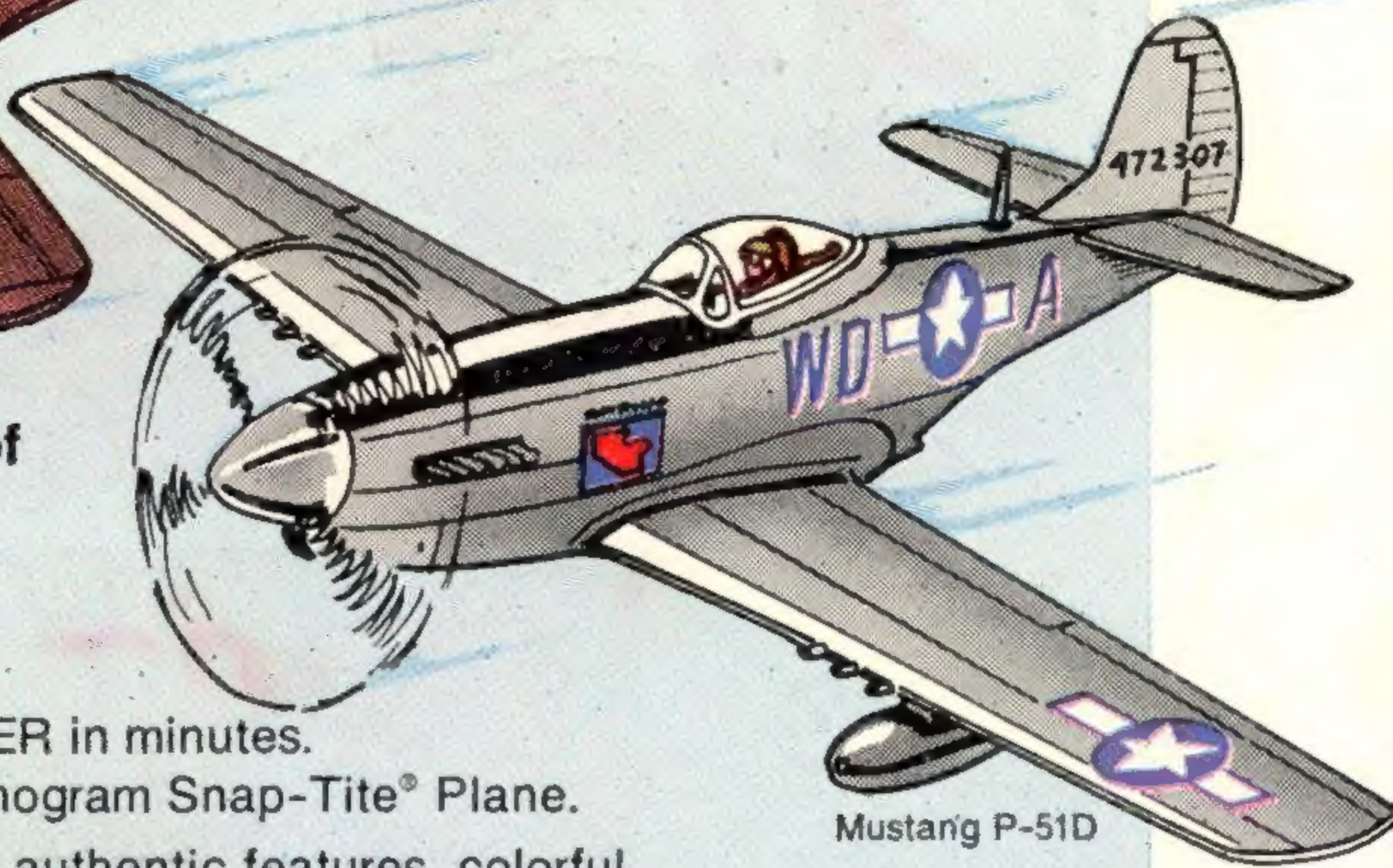
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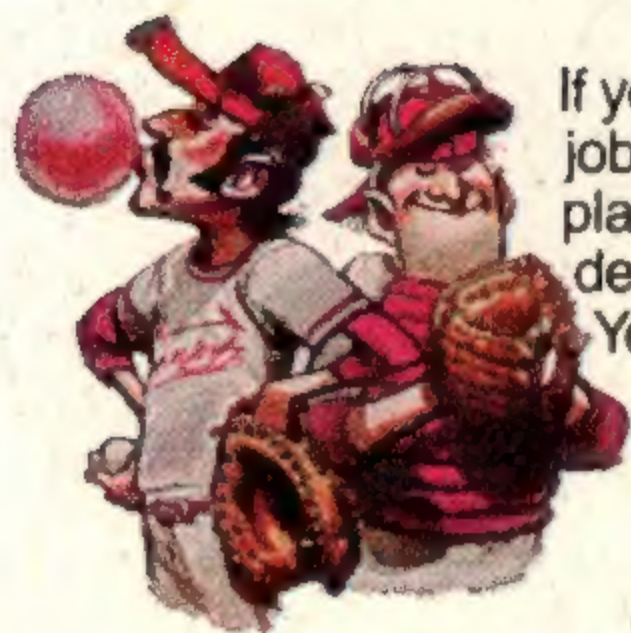


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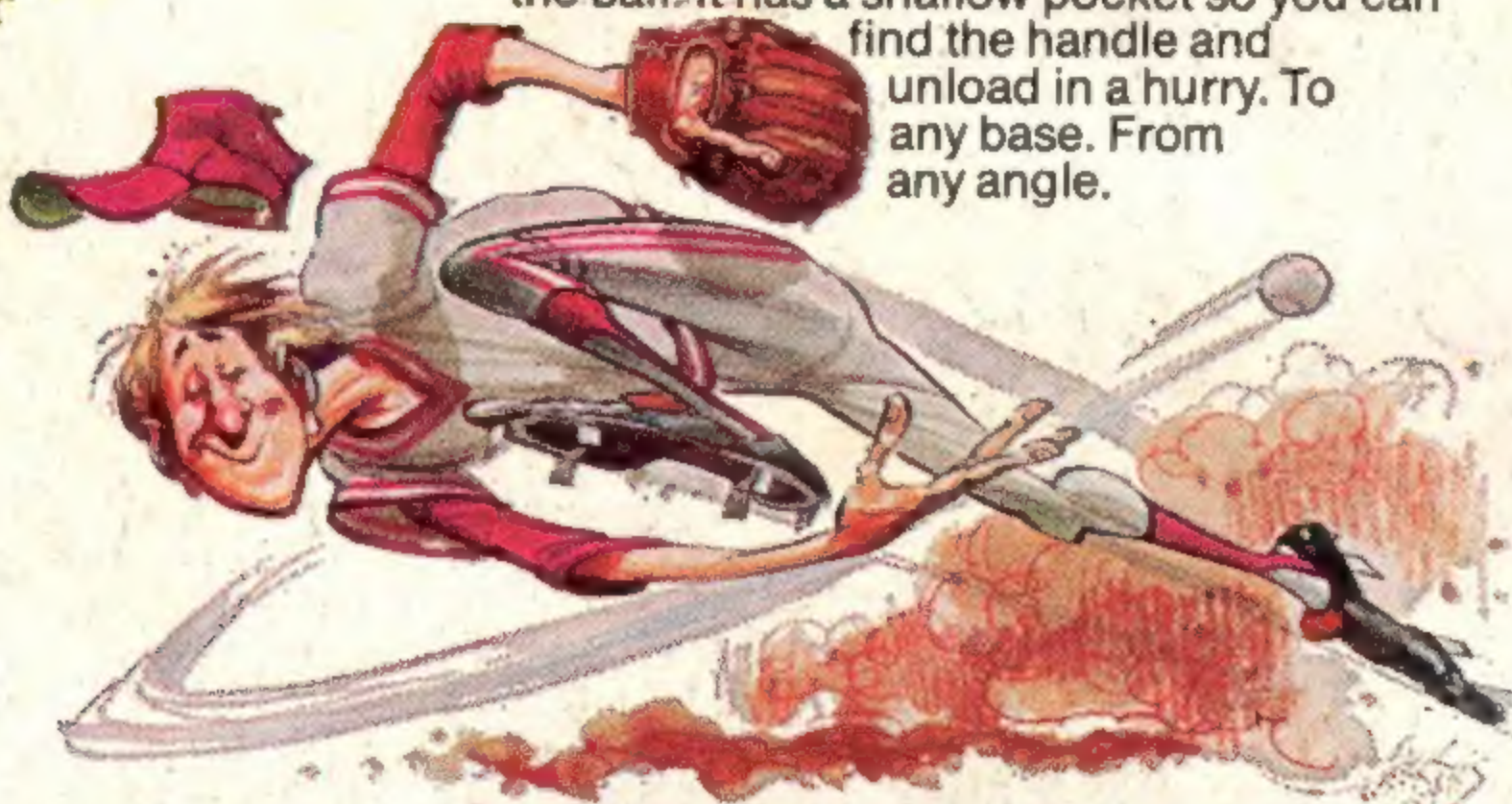
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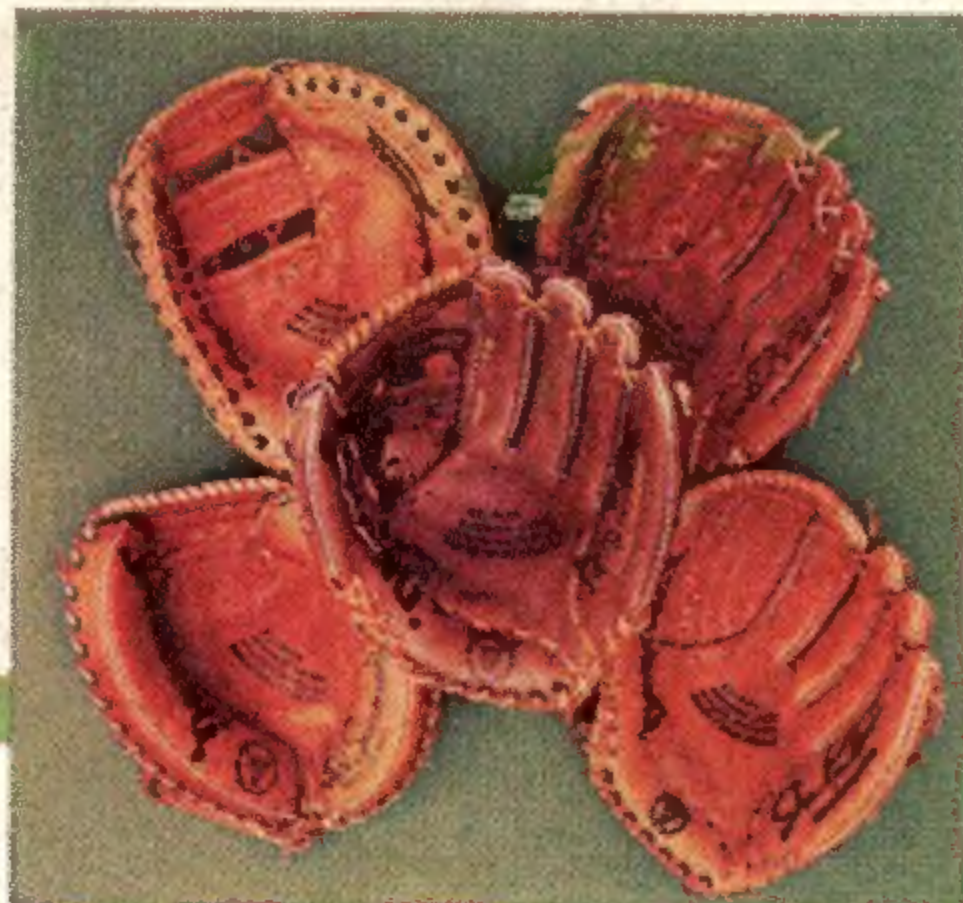


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